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'TWO TOP'

This area is just outside of West Yellowstone, Montana. On a clear day, from atop this mountain, you can see down into Idaho and Wyoming and of course back into Montana. The snow on top at times gets to 10 and 12 foot depths. The trees look like Snow Sculptures, and are truly a sight to see.

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

1. Civilian Labor Force - the number of persons 16 years and older, defined as employed or unemployed, excluding members of the Armed Forces.

2. Employed - those persons who work for pay or profit during a week or, as unpaid family workers, work 15 hours or more during a week. Also included as employed are those who, although not working, had some job attachment and were not looking for work, including persons temporarily absent from a job due to illness, bad weather, vacation, or labor-management dispute, whether or not they were in a pay status during their time off.

3. Unemployment - the number of persons who, for an entire week, did not work at all, were able to work and available for work, and (1) were looking for work or (2) would have looked for work except that (a) they were waiting to return to a job from which they had been laid off, or (b) they were waiting to report to a new wage and salary job scheduled to start within the following 30 days (and were not in school during the week).

4. Unemployment Rate - the number of unemployed expressed as a percent of the civilian labor force.

5. Residence Data - a count of employment by where people live.

6. Establishment Data - a count of employment by where people work.

7. Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Series - to facilitate the evaluation of the labor force, recurrent yearly movements have been isolated and removed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics seasonal factor method.

8. Composite Index - an aggregate of six leading indicators. The indicators used are: Manufacturing - Employment, Average Weekly Hours, total Accessions and Layoffs; Average Weekly Initial Claims; and statewide Building Permits. A reverse trend was used for Layoffs and Average Weekly Initial Claims. This composite index is in no manner or form comparable to the United States composite index as published in "Business Conditions Digest", U. S. Department of Commerce.

9. Real Spendable Average Weekly Earnings of Private Nonagricultural Production Workers - represents the earnings of a hypothetical individual after deductions for State Income, Federal Income and Social Security taxes, and adjustment for change in purchasing power since 1967. This individual is assumed to be sole support for a family of four, earn the average weekly gross earnings of production workers in Montana's private nonagricultural industries, and take standard deductions on State and Federal income taxes. Taxes were computed using standard tax tables, and purchasing power was adjusted by deflating Spendable Earnings based on the national Consumer Price Index.

10. WIN - Work Incentive Program for Aid to Dependent Children recipients.

11. CETA - Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1974.

12. CETA-CEP - Concentrated Employment Program funded under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act.

13. SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area as determined by Office of Management and Budget. Must have a central city with population of 50,000 or more.

14. LMA - Labor Market Area as determined by the Montana Employment Security Division consists of a central city or cities with population of less than 50,000, and the economically integrated geographical area surrounding it.

MONTANA EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

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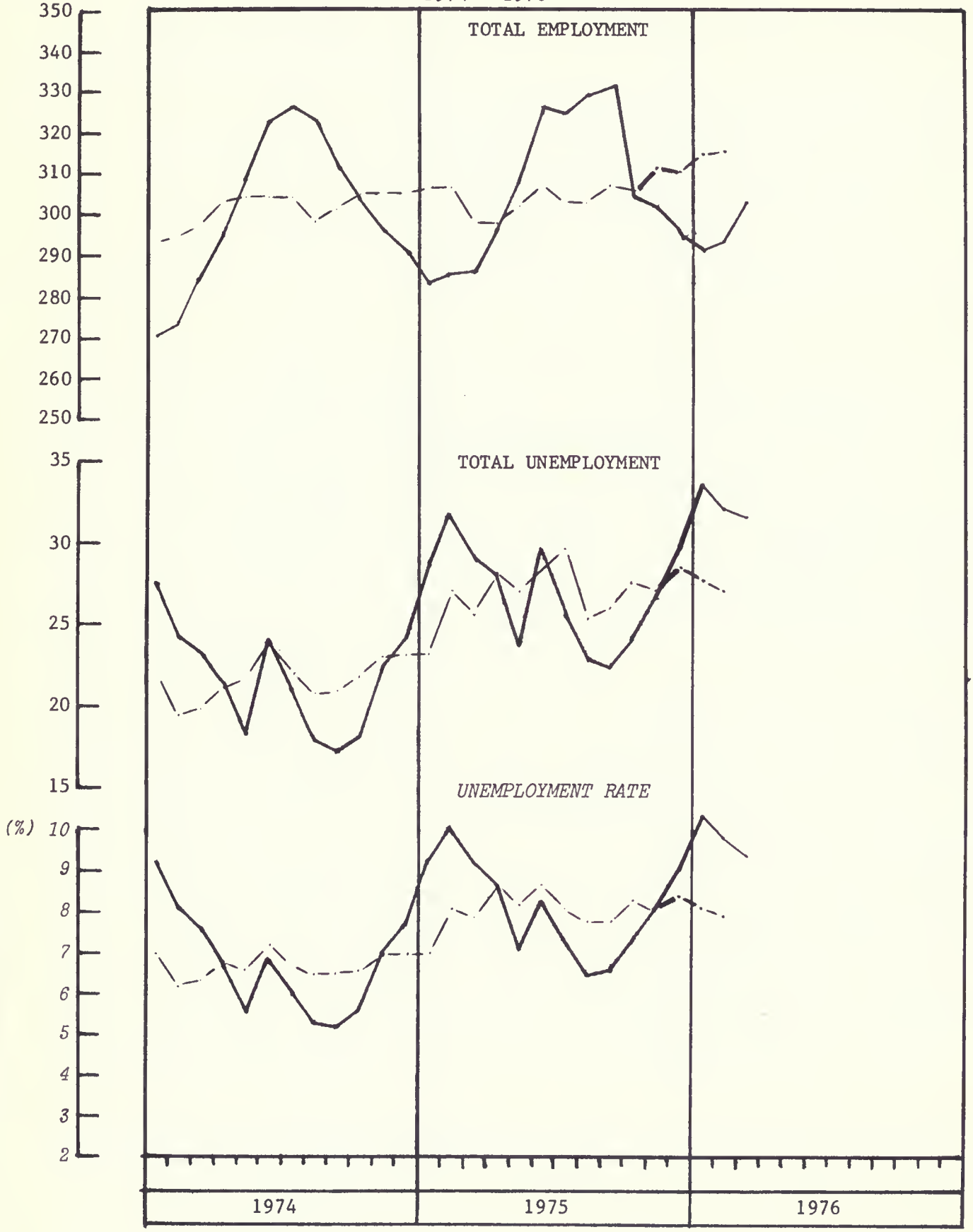


HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET

MARCH 1976

Montana's February Civilian Labor Force increased by 15,800 from a year ago and employment showed an increase of 15,200. The state's unemployment rate dropped to 9.8% or .4% less than was recorded for the same month in 1975. This month's nonagricultural wage and salary employment (establishment data) showed a 10,300 increase over last year while average weekly hours worked increased to 36.2 hours from 35.7 hours last year, giving indications of a recovering local economy. Real spendable weekly earnings were up 3% in February from one year ago, also supporting a recovery.

Nonagricultural employment (establishment data) in Montana for February totaled 235,300, compared with 225,000 recorded for the same month in 1975. Total nonagricultural employment in the Billings Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area was 38,500 in February, or a 5.5% rise from last year, while Great Falls SMSA noted a jump of 4.7% with a total nonagricultural employment of 27,000. The balance of the state was up 4.6%. Employment in the trade industry showed a loss of 200 from the previous month; however, it increased 3,300 from a year ago. Most of the increase occurred in the retail trade sector which was up 3,100. Employment in the Government category was up 3,200 from last year mainly attributal to the 2,000 increase in local government, as state government and federal government increased 800 and 400 respectively. Services gained 2,300 with nearly 40% of the increase taking place in the Billings and Great Falls SMSA's. Moderate rises were noticed in the finance, insurance and real estate industry, which was up 600 and in transportation which was up 300. Mining was the only non-manufacturing industry to have a decrease from last year,dropping 1,000 jobs.

Manufacturing employment for February was 21,800, a decrease of 100 from January but an increase of 1,000 from a year ago. The two biggest changes that took place in manufacturing employment from last year were in lumber and wood products employment which increased 1,200, and the primary metals employment which decreased 500. Primary metals manufacturing and metal mining together showed a drop of 1,700 employees from the same period one year ago, with most of the loss concentrated at the smelters in Butte and Anaconda. Also, layoffs at the smelter operation in Butte during the past year were the major contributors for the noticeable increase in the state's mining industry's labor turnover separation rates which climbed to 1.4% from .5% for the same period one year ago. The total separation rate, which also includes voluntary separations, was down .6%. The industry's January accession rate dropped slightly from last year. Montana's manufacturing industry on the other hand, showed a slight increase in its accession rate while the total separation rate decreased 1.2%. Contrary to mining, manufacturing voluntary separations were moderately up from last January while layoffs were down 1.5% mainly due to the increased activity in the lumber and wood products industry. Manufacturing's voluntary separations were also opposite to mining, showing an increase.

Total agricultural employment was 31,400 in February. The winter wheat crop was reported to be in fair to good condition throughout the state, while calving and lambing reached 10% completion.

There were 5,879 building permits issued in Montana during 1975, a 22% increase over last year, while total valuation jumped only 19.5%, indicating a smaller value per permit. In 1975 each permit was valued at $22,700 while in 1974 the average permit was valued at $23,200. Montana issued permits for 2,874 new housing units in 1975 which was a 15% increase from the previous year. This was a turnaround trend from new housing units started nationwide which noted a decline of nearly 14% from 1974.

Montana's bank debits were up 23% in January over the same month one year ago and for the twelve month period through January showed a 36% increase. The only communities recording decreases during the twelve month period were Sidney, down 6%; Miles City, down 7%; Anaconda, down 11%; and Kalispell, down 3%.

GREAT FALLS SMSA (Cascade County

During March, 92 building permits were issued in Great Falls with a total valuation of nearly $7.6 million. An addition to a medical hospital at a cost of $6 million was the largest of the permits for the month which also included 25 residential permits, $398,038 worth of permits for repairs and alterations to businesses, and $122,500 for a new business. A local heavy farm machinery company announced plans in March to build a new $1.7 million office-warehouse-shop complex that will be located on the northwest bypass next to the city. Also, a business corporation purchased the former ValuMart complex in Great Falls with plans to make it into a farm and ranch trade center. Announced national Air Force defense cutbacks in personnel will affect approximately 110 military and 4 civilian jobs in Cascade County in addition to the phaseout of the Federal Aviation Administration that is scheduled to move to Salt Lake and will affect about 50 Federal jobs in the area. January bank debits in the Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area were up 8% from the same month last year.

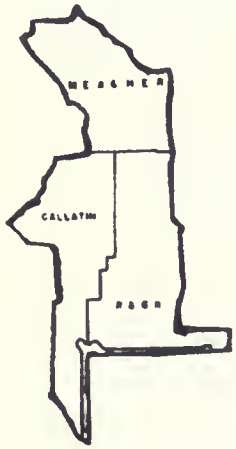
BILLINGS SMSA (Yellowstone County)

There were 127 building permits issued during February in Billings valued at $5.4 million. Of the permits 77 were for residential dwellings valued at about $3.5 million. Other major construction in the area was commercial for which permits totaling $1.4 million were issued. Construction started during the month on the new 14 story office-bank complex in downtown Billings which will be the tallest structure in the state when completed. Mild weather conditions opened up construction work during March with much movement expected to take place in 1976. At Laurel during March, 26 building permits were issued with a total valuation of $417,616 including 10 residential. Bank debits in the Billings Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area were up 13% in January from the same month one year ago. The Billings SMSA had a labor force of 47,100 with an unemployment rate of 7%.

ANACONDA-BUTTE LMA

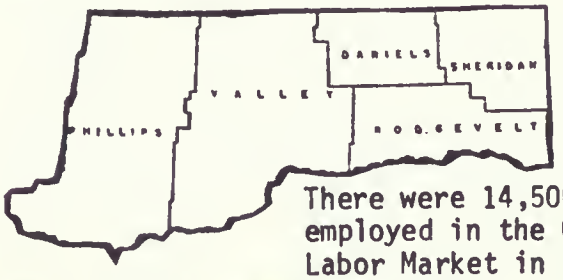
A multi-million dollar modification of the Arbiter Plant in Anaconda will start soon which will include 80 craftsmen and 20 steelworkers. When completed, 100 smelter workers will be hired to man the plant which was closed in July 1975. The Arbiter plant is scheduled to produce five million pounds of commercial grade cathode copper per month by the end of 1976. The Bureau of Land Management announced this month that Butte will gain about 25 BLM jobs mainly from transfers from the Dillon district office. January Bank Debits in Butte were down 6% from a year ago while at Anaconda they showed a 22% decline. Total employment in the Labor Market Area for February was 31,600 with an unemployment rate of 11.8%.

BOZEMAN LMA



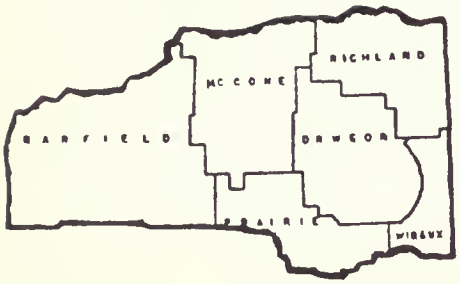
In February, the city of Bozeman issued 17 building permits with a total valuation of $451,000 compared to a year ago when 14 permits were issued valued at $792,291. The largest of these were a $188,000 permit issued for two new eight-plexes and a $76,000 permit issued for a new office building. At Livingston, seven building permits were issued with a valuation of $42,000. Construction began on a new roller skating rink to be opened by May 1 and work is progressing on a 32-unit motel and the remodeling of another motel in the city. There were 23,800 in the February Bozeman Labor Market Area's Civilian Labor Force with an unemployment rate of 9.6%. For the twelve-month period through January bank debits were up in Bozeman by 13% while at Livingston they were up 4%. Spring breakup which is expected in April will affect all area logging operations.

GLASGOW LMA



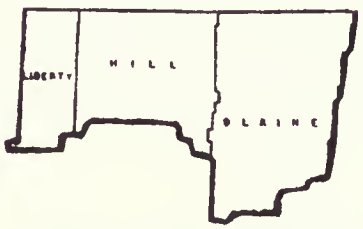
There were 14,500 employed in the Glasgow Labor Market in February which had an unemployment rate of 8.4%. Mild weather conditions in the latter part of March allowed work to continue on a new church in Glasgow and the roofing of a fertilizer plant. At Malta, several new buisinesses held grand openings in a new structure erected in the downtown area. During March the city of Malta issued 4 building permits with a valuation of $47,500. Bank debits in Glasgow over the twelve-months period through January were up 5% from a year ago while at Malta they were up 3%. In agriculture, calving was in full swing during the month and grain farmers were preparing their equipment for the spring season. Glasgow Air Force Base employment received a setback this month as it was announced that 149 military and 35 federal civilian positions would be reduced in the area.

GLENDIVE LMA



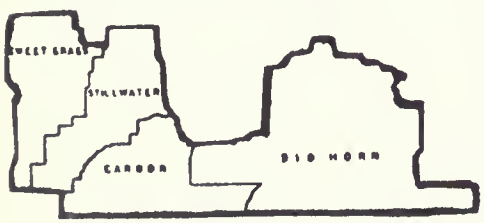
There were 13,300 persons in the Glendive civilian labor force during February with an employment of 12,200 and an unemployment rate of 7.8%. Soil moisture conditions in the area are good, and if this continues there will be a slight increase in the planting of wheat, oats, and barley. Winter wheat in the area showed little signs of damage after the severe March storm and cattle were reported to be in good condition. Oil field activity during the month remained quiet while the main farm activity was calving. Construction and Wholesale and Retail trade are continuing to pick up in the Sidney and Glendive areas as better weather sets in. Bank debits for the twelve-month period through January were up 10% in Glendive while at Sidney they showed a decrease of 6%.

HAVRE LMA



Construction of a new 40,000 square foot retail store in east Havre is expected to begin in mid-April on a five-and-one-half acre site. Duration of the project should be about 8 months. Good weather has allowed all construction to go at full pace. During February 3 building permits were issued by the city of Havre with a total valuation of $36,000. All industries remained steady during the month with the summer season expected to bring an upswing. The main agricultural activities included calving and lambing. February employment in the labor market was 10,700 with an unemployment rate of 8.1%.

HARDIN-RED LODGE LMA



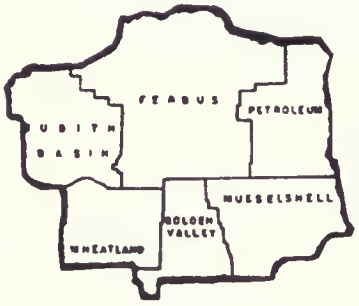
The Hardin-Red Lodge labor market area in February had an employment of 9,800 with an unemployment rate of 9.3%. At Red Lodge the city is ending its ski season and is preparing for summer tourisim. Employment in all industries in the area is reported to be steady for this time of year.

HELENA LMA

The city of Helena issued 42 permits during the first two months of 1976 with a total valuation of $4.4 million. Included in these were permits issued for nearly $3 million for a new federal building and a $1 million remodeling project of the Placer Hotel both of which will be located in the city's downtown area. Also, construction continues on several major buildings on Capitol Hill and the new city library. Highway construction on McDonald pass is progressing slowly and is expected to pick up as better weather arrives. Bank debits in January for Helena were up 27% over a year ago for the same month.

KALISPELL LMA

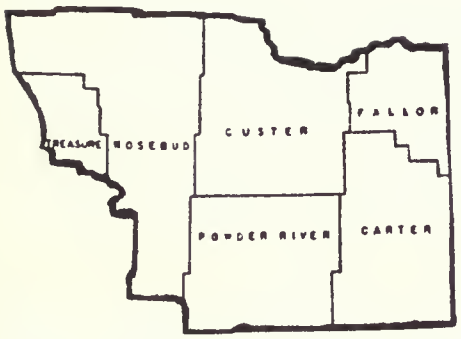
The Kalsipell labor market area showed an employment of 27,600 in February out of a civilian labor force of 32,600. At Libby there were 94 people working on the Dam. At Polson, continued mild weather will increase all outdoor acitvities and the tourist season is coming near. Potato sorting and shipping are expected to create several hundred temporary jobs this year. In the Kalispell area warm weather during the month caused restricted load limits on all logging roads, thus curtailing all woods work. The city of Kalispell issued 11 building permits in February with a total valuation of $126,300 including 5 housing units.



LEWISTOWN LMA

The Lewistown labor market area had a civilian labor force of 10,700 in February with an employment of 9,800 and an unemployment rate of 8.1%. Five building permits were issued in Lewistown during February with a total valuation of $42,500 including one housing unit. Construction activity taking place in the area included excavation for the new regional hospital, building of the flood control dam, five new homes and several warehouse additions. Bank debits in Lewistown for the 12 month period through January increased 2%.

MILES CITY LMA

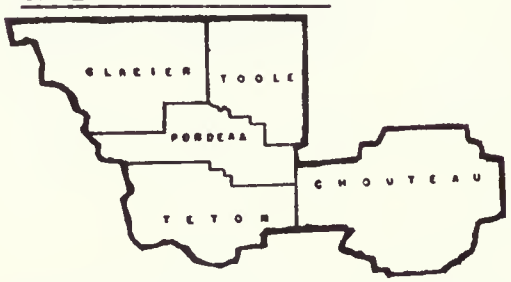


There were 18 building permits issued in Miles City during January with a total valuation of $280,900 including 5 new housing units. Employment in the labor market area was 12,200 in February with an unemployment rate of 8.7% compared to the same month last year when the rate was 6.8%. There were no major changes in the employment situation of any of the basic industries; however, construction activity is expected to pick up during April.

MISSOULA LMA

The Missoula labor market area had a civilian labor force of 39,700 with an unemployment rate of 11.8%. A national retail catalog company will set up a new building that will house a tire and automotive center. In June a local lumber company is planning to close with a new shopping complex scheduled to be built at the site. Spring break up has caused almost all logging activities to halt, and muddy weather conditions in the area during the month affected several construction projects. During February the city of Missoula issued 52 building permits with the total valuation of $1.2 million including 46 residential permits containing 12 duplexes and 5 four-plexes. No decision has been made on the rebuilding of the sawmill at the Conner site in Ravalli County to replace the old mill that was destroyed by fire. One of the primary considerations involved will be the future supply of timber in the Bitter Root Valley.

SHELBY-CUT BANK LMA



The Shelby-Cut Bank labor market area had an employment of 15,400 in February with an unemployment rate of 8.0%. At mid-March building construction in Cut Bank was continuing at a slow pace while in Browning it was at a stand still, with an upswing not expected until April. Oil field activity during the month involved exploration and maintenance of older oil wells. Bank debits in Cut Bank for the twelve month period through January noted a 7% increase.

ANTICIPATED DEVELOPMENTS IN MONTANA'S LABOR FORCE

The Montana civilian labor force for March is anticipated at 334,100 while total employment is anticipated at 302,600. Employment increases are expected in Construction, Wholesale and Retail, Trade Services, Government and Agriculture. The unemployment rate will continue to decrease into March, April and May with the increased outdoor activity and tourist trade providing the state with more jobs.

MANPOWER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Program	New Enrollees	Job Placements	End of Month Enrollment
WIN	263	84	2,133
CETA-CEP	75	35	235
CETA-INST.	38	12	254
CETA-OJT	26	7	113
JOB CORPS	40	11	274
PSE	167	11	1,277

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - U. S.[1/]

(1967 = 100)

Group	Feb. 1976	*Percent Change From:* Jan. 1976	Feb. 1975
All Items	167.1	*0.2%*	*6.3%*

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE UNEMPLOYED[2/]

FEBRUARY 1976

Social Characteristics	*Percent of Total Covered Unemployment*
Non-White	*3.7%*
Female	*23.3%*
Youth	*9.1%*
Over 45	*25.1%*

1/ The Consumer Price Index measures changes in prices of goods and services bought by urban wage earners and clerical workers, including families and single persons.

2/ Based on 10% sample of Continued Claims filed during the week including the 19th of each month in all local offices.

BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES, VS ACTUAL STATE OF MONTANA EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

The Bureau of Labor statistics compiles national unemployment on the basis of a monthly Current Population Survey (C.P.S.). Twenty-seven states have large enough samples to enable the Bureau to determine those state's unemployment rate. Twenty-three states, in which Montana is included, must determine their unemployment by means of a statistical formula. Because of the difference in methodology, when C.P.S. states are added to non-C.P.S. states, the unemployment rate differs from that of the "National" rate.

Early in 1976 the Office of Management and Budget mandated that the Bureau of Labor Statistics force the aggregate of all states to equal the national C.P.S. estimates. March 4, 1976, this agency was mandated by the Bureau to adjust the state unemployment rate for 1975 and throughout 1976 downward. All states in B. L. S. Region VIII received the same adjustment factors. Analysis of these adjustment factors indicatesthat Montana's unemployment rate would arbitrarily be reduced and end results would be misleading and not representative of Montana's actual economic conditions. Therefore, because this agency owes the public in Montana the most reliable and consistent figures available, Montana's Employment Security Research and Analysis Section will continue to publish what is felt are actual unemployment statistics in this publication. This agency will furnish the Bureau with adjusted figures on required reports, but Montana will not publish them.

Because of the above, Bureau of Labor Statistics publications will not agree with statistics as published by Montana's Employment Security Research and Analysis Section.

MONTANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(in Thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 2/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent 1/ Montana	Percent 1/ U. S.	
1974								
January	298.1	270.5	245.7	24.8	27.6	*9.2*	*5.6*	.1
February	298.2	273.9	249.1	24.8	24.3	*8.1*	*5.7*	*
March	308.2	284.8	254.5	30.3	23.4	*7.6*	*5.3*	*
April	316.4	295.0	261.0	34.0	21.4	*6.8*	*4.8*	*
May	327.8	309.5	270.0	39.5	18.3	*5.6*	*4.6*	4.0
June	346.8	322.8	277.7	45.1	24.0	*6.9*	*5.8*	2.0
July	347.4	326.4	277.7	48.7	21.0	*6.0*	*5.6*	*
August	341.8	323.9	277.9	46.0	17.9	*5.3*	*5.3*	.2
September	329.7	312.4	275.6	36.8	17.3	*5.2*	*5.7*	*
October	322.3	304.2	269.3	34.9	18.1	*5.6*	*5.5*	*
November	319.3	296.9	266.5	30.4	22.4	*7.0*	*6.2*	.1
December	315.1	291.0	265.2	25.8	24.1	*7.7*	*6.7*	*
1974 Avg.	322.6	301.0	265.9	35.1	21.6	*6.7*	*5.6*	.5
1975								
January	308.7	279.8	253.0	26.8	28.9	*9.4*	*9.0*	*
February	309.6	278.2	250.8	27.4	31.4	*10.2*	*9.1*	.1
March	316.6	287.3	257.1	30.2	29.3	*9.2*	*9.1*	.3
April	320.3	292.3	259.4	32.9	28.0	*8.7*	*8.6*	.2
May	327.9	304.3	267.3	37.0	23.6	*7.2*	*8.3*	.1
June	349.1	319.7	278.9	40.8	29.4	*8.4*	*9.1*	.1
July	346.9	321.3	279.1	42.2	25.6	*7.4*	*8.7*	.2
August	350.9	327.9	280.7	47.2	23.0	*6.6*	*8.2*	*
September	340.2	317.7	279.3	38.4	22.5	*6.6*	*8.1*	.3
October	332.6	308.4	274.4	34.0	24.2	*7.3*	*7.8*	.3
November	332.4	305.8	274.3	31.5	26.6	*8.0*	*7.8*	.2
December	330.7	300.6	271.4	29.2	30.1	*9.1*	*7.8*	.2
1975 Avg.	330.5	303.6	268.8	34.8	26.9	*8.1*	*8.5*	.1
1976								
January	324.8	291.2	262.4	28.8	33.6	*10.3*	*8.8*	*
February	325.4	293.4	262.0	31.4	32.0	*9.8*	*8.7*	
March	*334.1*	*302.6*	*264.9*	*37.7*	*31.5*	*9.4*		
April								
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Avg.								

1/ Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. *Series began January 1970.*
2/ Non-additive - included in total employment. *Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.*
* *Under 50.* *Current month in italics is a forecast; previous month prelimary*

RESIDENCE DATA

Table II
GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)
Civilian Labor Force
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
(in Thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 2/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent 1/ County	Percent 1/ State	
1974								
January	31.5	28.6	27.6	1.0	2.9	*9.3*	*9.2*	*
February	31.1	28.7	27.7	1.0	2.4	*7.6*	*8.1*	*
March	31.9	29.6	28.3	1.3	2.3	*7.2*	*7.6*	*
April	32.3	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.0	*6.2*	*6.8*	*
May	32.4	30.4	28.7	1.7	2.0	*6.2*	*5.6*	1.4
June	34.1	31.6	29.6	2.0	2.5	*7.3*	*6.9*	1.2
July	33.9	31.7	29.5	2.2	2.2	*6.4*	*6.0*	*
August	33.8	31.8	29.8	2.0	2.0	*5.8*	*5.3*	*
September	33.2	31.3	29.7	1.6	1.9	*5.6*	*5.2*	*
October	33.1	31.3	29.8	1.5	1.8	*5.5*	*5.6*	*
November	32.1	30.1	28.7	1.4	2.0	*6.3*	*7.0*	*
December	32.2	30.1	29.0	1.1	2.1	*6.6*	*7.7*	*
1974 Avg.	32.7	30.5	29.0	1.5	2.2	*6.7*	*6.7*	.2
1975								
January	31.1	28.5	27.4	1.1	2.6	*8.3*	*9.4*	*
February	31.2	28.2	27.1	1.1	3.0	*9.7*	*10.2*	*
March	31.8	29.0	27.8	1.2	2.8	*8.7*	*9.2*	.1
April	32.5	29.8	28.5	1.3	2.7	*8.3*	*8.7*	.1
May	32.7	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.4	*7.3*	*7.2*	*
June	33.7	30.9	29.3	1.6	2.8	*8.4*	*8.4*	*
July	33.7	31.0	29.3	1.7	2.7	*8.1*	*7.4*	*
August	33.7	31.2	29.3	1.9	2.5	*7.4*	*6.6*	*
September	33.3	30.9	29.4	1.5	2.4	*7.3*	*6.6*	*
October	33.0	30.3	29.0	1.3	2.7	*8.1*	*7.3*	*
November	33.0	30.4	29.2	1.2	2.6	*7.9*	*8.0*	*
December	33.0	30.2	29.0	1.2	2.8	*8.5*	*9.1*	*
1975 Avg.	32.7	30.0	28.6	1.4	2.7	*8.2*	*8.1*	*
1976								
January	32.4	29.2	28.1	1.1	3.2	*9.8*	*10.3*	*
February	32.4	29.5	28.2	1.3	2.9	*9.1*	*9.8*	*
March	*33.3*	*30.4*	*28.9*	*1.5*	*2.9*	*8.7*	*9.4*	
April								
May								
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

1/ Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. *Series began January 1970.*
2/ Non-additive - included in total employment. *Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.*
* *Under 50.* *Current month in italics is a forecast; previous month preliminary.*

Table III

RESIDENCE DATA

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(in Thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 2/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent 1/ County	Percent 1/ State	
1974								
January	44.0	40.6	39.5	1.1	3.4	*7.8*	*9.2*	*
February	43.9	41.3	40.2	1.1	2.6	*5.9*	*8.1*	*
March	44.6	42.2	40.6	1.6	2.4	*5.4*	*7.6*	*
April	45.1	42.9	41.2	1.7	2.2	*4.9*	*6.8*	*
May	45.6	43.6	41.6	2.0	2.0	*4.4*	*5.6*	.5
June	48.1	45.0	42.7	2.3	3.1	*6.3*	*6.9*	.5
July	47.9	45.4	42.9	2.5	2.5	*5.3*	*6.0*	*
August	47.0	44.9	42.5	2.4	2.1	*4.4*	*5.3*	*
September	46.1	44.1	42.2	1.9	2.0	*4.4*	*5.2*	*
October	46.6	44.7	42.9	1.8	1.9	*4.2*	*5.6*	*
November	45.9	43.6	42.0	1.6	2.3	*5.0*	*7.0*	*
December	45.8	43.3	42.0	1.3	2.5	*5.4*	*7.7*	*
1974 Avg.	45.9	43.5	41.7	1.8	2.4	*5.3*	*6.7*	*
1975								
January	45.4	42.0	40.8	1.2	3.4	*7.6*	*9.4*	*
February	45.1	41.5	40.2	1.3	3.6	*8.0*	*10.2*	*
March	45.6	42.0	40.6	1.4	3.6	*7.9*	*9.2*	.1
April	46.8	43.4	41.9	1.5	3.4	*7.3*	*8.7*	*
May	47.1	44.5	42.8	1.7	2.6	*5.6*	*7.2*	*
June	49.0	45.6	43.7	1.9	3.4	*7.0*	*8.4*	*
July	49.5	46.3	44.4	1.9	3.2	*6.5*	*7.4*	*
August	49.2	46.1	43.9	2.2	3.1	*6.2*	*6.6*	*
September	48.5	45.6	43.8	1.8	2.9	*5.9*	*6.6*	.2
October	48.4	45.6	44.0	1.6	2.8	*5.8*	*7.3*	.2
November	49.2	46.4	45.0	1.4	2.8	*5.8*	*8.0*	*
December	48.6	45.4	44.1	1.3	3.2	*6.5*	*9.1*	*
1975 Avg.	47.7	44.5	42.9	1.6	3.2	*6.7*	*8.1*	*
1976								
January	47.4	43.7	42.4	1.3	3.7	*7.9*	*10.3*	*
February	47.1	43.8	42.4	1.4	3.3	*7.0*	*9.8*	
March	*47.6*	*44.3*	*42.6*	*1.7*	*3.3*	*6.9*	*9.4*	
April								
May								
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

1/ *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.* *Series began January 1970.*

2/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.* *Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.*

* *Under 50.* *Current month in italics is a forecast; previous month preliminary.*

RESIDENCE DATA
(ESTABLISHMENT DATA in italics)

Table IV

MONTANA

Statewide Employment by Industry

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	FEB. 1976	JAN. 1976	FEB. 1975	Net Changes to Current Month from: JAN. 1976	FEB. 1975
1. Civilian Labor Force	325.4	324.8	309.6	.6	15.8
2. Unemployment	32.0	33.6	31.4	-1.6	.6
Percent of Labor Force[1/]	*9.8*	*10.3*	*10.2*	*- .5*	*- .4*
3. Employment, Total	293.4	291.2	278.2	2.2	15.2
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	233.2	233.2	223.0	0	10.2
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*235.3*	*235.3*	*225.0*	*0*	*10.3*
MANUFACTURING	*21.8*	*21.9*	*20.8*	*-.1*	*1.0*
Durable Goods	*13.7*	*13.7*	*13.0*	*0*	*.7*
24 Lumber and Wood Products	*8.3*	*8.2*	*7.1*	*.1*	*1.2*
33 Primary Metal Industries	*2.9*	*3.0*	*3.4*	*- .1*	*- .5*
Other Durable Goods	*2.5*	*2.5*	*2.5*	*0*	*0*
Nondurable Goods	*8.1*	*8.2*	*7.8*	*- .1*	*.3*
20 Food and Kindred Products	*3.8*	*3.9*	*3.6*	*- .1*	*.2*
27 Printing and Publishing	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*0*	*0*
29 Petroleum and Coal Products	*1.1*	*1.1*	*.9*	*0*	*.2*
Other Nondurable Goods	*1.3*	*1.3*	*1.4*	*0*	*- .1*
NONMANUFACTURING	*213.5*	*213.4*	*204.2*	*.1*	*9.3*
Mining	*5.9*	*6.1*	*6.9*	*- .2*	*-1.0*
10 Metal Mining	*2.4*	*2.5*	*3.6*	*- .1*	*-1.2*
12 & 14 Bitum. Coal, Quarrying, Nonmetal Mining	*1.6*	*1.7*	*1.4*	*- .1*	*.2*
13 Oil and Gas Extraction	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*0*	*0*

Contract Construction	10.0	10.0	9.4	0	.6
15 General Building Contractors	3.7	3.8	4.0	- .1	- .3
16 Heavy Construction Contractors	1.8	1.7	1.6	.1	.2
17 Special Trade Contractors	4.5	4.5	3.8	0	.7
Transportation and Public Utilities	18.7	18.8	18.4	- .1	.3
40 Railroad Transportation	5.9	5.9	6.1	0	- .2
41-47 Transportation, except Railroad	5.6	5.6	5.3	0	.3
48 & 49 Commun., Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	7.2	7.3	7.0	- .1	.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	57.6	57.8	54.3	- .2	3.3
Wholesale Trade	11.7	11.7	11.5	0	.2
Retail Trade	45.9	46.1	42.8	- .2	3.1
53 & 56 Ret. Gen. Merch., Apparel, Accessories	8.0	8.1	7.2	- .1	.8
54 Food Stores	6.3	6.4	6.2	- .1	.1
55 Automotive Dealers, Service Stations	7.9	7.9	7.8	0	.1
58 Eating and Drinking Places	14.1	14.0	12.7	.1	1.4
52, 57, 59 Bldg. Mat., Farm Equip., Furn., Misc.	9.6	9.7	8.9	- .1	.7
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	10.3	10.3	9.7	0	.6
Services	44.8	44.7	42.5	.1	2.3
70 Hotels and other Lodging Places	4.9	4.9	4.9	0	0
72 Personal Services	2.4	2.4	2.4	0	0
80 Medical and other Health Services	14.5	14.5	14.0	0	.5
Other Services	23.0	22.9	21.2	.1	1.8
Government	66.2	65.7	63.0	.5	3.2
91 Federal Government	13.2	13.3	12.8	- .1	.4
92 State Government	19.5	19.2	18.7	.3	.8
State Education	9.5	9.1	8.7	.4	.8
Other State Government	10.0	10.1	10.0	- .1	0
93 Local Government	33.5	33.2	31.5	.3	2.0
Local Education	21.4	21.0	20.0	.4	1.4
Other Local Government	12.1	12.2	11.5	- .1	.6
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment[2/]	28.8	29.2	27.8	.4	1.0
(c) Agriculture	31.4	28.8	27.4	2.6	4.0
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes[3/]	*	*	.1	-	-

*1/ Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. * Under 50. Current month preliminary. Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.*
2/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.
3/ Non-Additive, included in Line (a). Establishment Series began January 1964; Residence Series began January 1970.
Produced in cooperation with U.S. Dept. of Labor Employment and Training Administration and Bureau of Labor Statistics.

RESIDENCE DATA
(ESTABLISHMENT DATA in italics)

Table V

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Employment by Industry

FEBRUARY 1976

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	FEB. 1976	JAN. 1976	FEB. 1975	Net Changes to Current Month from: JAN. 1976	Net Changes to Current Month from: FEB. 1975
1. Civilian Labor Force	32.4	32.4	31.2	0	1.2
2. Unemployment	2.9	3.2	3.0	- .3	- .1
Percent of Labor Force[1]	*9.1*	*9.8*	*9.7*	*- .7*	*- .6*
3. Employment, Total	29.5	29.2	28.2	.3	1.3
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	26.0	25.9	25.0	.1	1.0
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*27.0*	*26.9*	*25.8*	*.1*	*1.2*
MANUFACTURING	*1.7*	*1.7*	*1.7*	*0*	*0*
NONMANUFACTURING	*25.3*	*25.2*	*24.1*	*.1*	*1.2*
Contract Construction	*1.2*	*1.2*	*1.2*	*0*	*0*
Transportation and Public Utilities	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.9*	*0*	*- .1*
Wholesale and Retail Trade	*8.2*	*8.2*	*7.6*	*0*	*.6*
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.8*	*0*	*.1*
Services and Mining	*6.2*	*6.2*	*5.7*	*0*	*.5*
Government	*6.0*	*5.9*	*5.9*	*.1*	*.1*
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment[2]	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	.1
(c) Agriculture	1.3	1.1	1.1	.2	.2
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes[3]	*	*	*	-	-

1/ Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. *Current month preliminary.*
2/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households. *Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.*
3/ Non-additive, included in Line (a). ** Under 50.*
Establishment Series began January 1958. *Residence Series began January 1970.*
Produced in cooperation with U. S. Dept. of Labor Employment & Training Administration and Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Table VI

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Employment by Industry

FEBRUARY 1976

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Feb. 1976	Jan. 1976	Feb. 1975	Net Changes to Current Month from: Jan. 1976	Feb. 1975
1. Civilian Labor Force	47.1	47.4	45.1	-.3	2.0
2. Unemployment	3.3	3.7	3.6	-.4	-.3
Percent of Labor Force[1/]	*7.0*	*7.9*	*8.0*	*-.9*	*-1.0*
3. Employment, Total	43.8	43.7	41.5	.1	2.3
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	38.3	38.3	36.3	0	2.0
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*38.5*	*38.5*	*36.5*	*0*	*2.0*
MANUFACTURING	*3.4*	*3.5*	*3.4*	*-.1*	*0*
NONMANUFACTURING	*35.1*	*35.0*	*33.1*	*.1*	*2.0*
Contract Construction	*1.9*	*1.8*	*1.7*	*.1*	*.2*
Transportation and Public Utilities	*3.3*	*3.3*	*3.4*	*0*	*-.1*
Wholesale and Retail Trade	*12.5*	*12.6*	*11.4*	*-.1*	*1.1*
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	*2.0*	*2.0*	*1.8*	*0*	*.2*
Services and Mining	*8.1*	*8.1*	*7.6*	*0*	*.5*
Government	*7.3*	*7.2*	*7.2*	*.1*	*.1*
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment[2/]	4.1	4.1	3.9	0	.2
(c) Agriculture	1.4	1.3	1.3	.1	.1
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes[3/]	*	*	*	-	-

1/ *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.* *Current month preliminary.*
2/ *Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.* *Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.*
3/ *Non-additive, included in Line (a).* * *Under 50.*
Establishment Series began January 1958. *Residence Series began January 1970.*
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Table VII

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS[1/]

Civilian Labor Force

in Thousands

	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	Dec. 1975	Jan. 1976	Feb. 1976	Dec. 1975	Jan. 1976	Feb. 1976	Dec. 1975	Jan. 1976	Feb. 1976	Dec. 1975	Jan. 1976	Feb. 1976
STATEWIDE	326.2	324.8	325.4	296.5	291.2	293.4	29.7	33.6	32.0	*9.1*	*10.3*	*9.8*
GREAT FALLS SMSA	32.8	32.4	32.4	30.0	29.2	29.5	2.8	3.2	2.9	*8.5*	*9.8*	*9.1*
BILLINGS SMSA	48.4	47.4	47.1	45.3	43.7	43.8	3.1	3.8	3.3	*6.5*	*7.9*	*7.0*
BALANCE OF STATE[2/]	245.0	245.0	245.9	221.2	218.3	220.1	23.8	26.6	25.8	*9.7*	*10.9*	*10.5*
ANACONDA-BUTTE	35.8	34.8	35.8	31.7	30.5	31.6	4.1	4.3	4.2	*11.6*	*12.4*	*11.8*
BOZEMAN	23.8	23.1	23.8	21.6	20.7	21.5	2.1	2.3	2.3	*9.0*	*10.1*	*9.6*
GLASGOW	15.8	15.3	15.9	14.6	14.0	14.5	1.2	1.3	1.3	*7.4*	*8.8*	*8.4*
GLENDIVE	13.0	18.8	13.3	12.3	17.6	12.2	.7	1.2	1.0	*5.7*	*6.3*	*7.8*
HARDIN-RED LODGE	10.7	10.4	10.8	9.9	9.5	9.8	.9	.9	1.0	*8.0*	*8.7*	*9.3*
HAVRE	11.6	11.4	11.7	10.8	10.4	10.7	.8	1.0	.9	*6.5*	*8.4*	*8.1*
HELENA	21.4	21.1	21.6	19.8	19.1	19.7	1.6	2.0	1.9	*7.3*	*9.5*	*8.7*
KALISPELL	32.7	31.8	32.6	27.8	26.7	27.6	4.9	5.1	5.1	*15.0*	*16.2*	*15.3*
LEWISTOWN	10.7	10.4	10.7	9.9	9.5	9.8	.8	.9	.9	*7.4*	*8.8*	*8.1*
MILES CITY	13.1	12.9	13.3	12.2	11.7	12.2	.9	1.2	1.2	*6.9*	*9.0*	*8.7*
MISSOULA	39.9	38.8	39.7	35.1	33.8	35.1	4.7	5.0	4.7	*11.8*	*12.8*	*11.8*
SHELBY-CUT BANK	16.5	16.2	16.7	15.5	14.8	15.4	1.1	1.4	1.3	*6.4*	*8.6*	*8.0*

1/ A list of counties included in each Labor Market Area appears on page 29. See map on inside back cover.
2/ Statewide, excluding Great Falls and Billings Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

TABLE VIII

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS[1/]

Civilian Labor Force

in Thousands

	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	Feb. 1976	Feb. 1975	Percent Change 1975-1976	Feb. 1976	Feb. 1975	Percent Change 1975-1976	Feb. 1976	Feb. 1975	Net Change 1975-1976	Feb. 1976	Feb. 1975	Net Change 1975-1976
STATEWIDE	325.4	317.3	*2.6*	293.4	285.6	*2.7*	32.0	31.7	*.9*	*9.8*	*10.0*	*-.2*
GREAT FALLS SMSA	32.4	32.2	*.6*	29.5	29.2	*1.0*	2.9	3.0	*-3.3*	*9.1*	*9.5*	*-.4*
BILLINGS SMSA	47.1	45.2	*4.2*	43.8	41.6	*5.3*	3.3	3.6	*-8.3*	*7.0*	*8.0*	*-1.0*
BALANCE OF STATE[2/]	245.9	239.9	*2.5*	220.1	214.8	*2.5*	25.8	25.1	*2.8*	*10.5*	*10.4*	*.1*
ANACONDA-BUTTE	35.8	34.1	*5.0*	31.6	30.6	*3.3*	4.2	3.5	*20.0*	*11.8*	*10.3*	*1.5*
BOZEMAN	23.8	23.6	*.8*	21.5	21.2	*1.4*	2.3	2.4	*-4.2*	*9.6*	*10.2*	*-.6*
GLASGOW	15.9	14.9	*6.7*	14.5	13.9	*4.3*	1.3	1.0	*30.0*	*8.4*	*6.6*	*1.8*
GLENDIVE	13.3	12.5	*6.4*	12.2	11.6	*5.2*	1.0	.9	*11.1*	*7.8*	*7.0*	*.8*
HARDIN-RED LODGE	10.8	9.7	*11.3*	9.8	8.8	*11.4*	1.0	.9	*11.1*	*9.3*	*9.4*	*-.1*
HAVRE	11.7	11.7	*0*	10.7	10.9	*-1.8*	.9	.8	*12.5*	*8.1*	*7.3*	*.8*
HELENA	21.6	21.5	*.5*	19.7	19.6	*.5*	1.9	1.9	*0*	*8.7*	*8.7*	*0*
KALISPELL	32.6	32.7	*-.3*	27.6	27.4	*.7*	5.1	5.3	*3.8*	*15.3*	*16.1*	*-.8*
LEWISTOWN	10.7	10.2	*4.9*	9.8	9.4	*4.3*	.9	.8	*12.5*	*8.1*	*7.4*	*.7*
MILES CITY	13.3	12.6	*5.6*	12.2	11.7	*4.3*	1.2	.9	*33.3*	*8.7*	*6.8*	*1.9*
MISSOULA	39.7	40.3	*-1.5*	35.1	34.7	*1.2*	4.7	5.6	*-16.1*	*11.8*	*13.8*	*-2.0*
SHELBY-CUT BANK	16.7	16.1	*3.7*	15.4	15.0	*2.7*	1.3	1.1	*18.2*	*8.0*	*7.0*	*1.0*

1/ A list of counties included in each Labor Market Area appears on page 29. See map on inside back cover.
2/ Statewide, excluding Great Falls and Billings Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

ESTABLISHMENT DATA

Table VII

MONTANA

FEMALE EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

February 1976

(In Thousands)

INDUSTRY	FEMALE EMPLOYMENT					TOTAL EMPLOYMENT COMPARISON			
				Net Change to Current Month From:					
	Feb.[1] 1976	Jan. 1976	Feb. 1975	Jan. 1976	Feb. 1975	Total	Percent Women	Total	Percent Women
						February 1976		February 1975	
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Workers .	95.5	95.1	88.9	0.4	6.6	235.3	*40.5*	225.0	*39.5*
Manufacturing	2.6	2.7	2.3	-0.1	0.3	21.8	*11.9*	20.8	*11.1*
Nonmanufacturing	92.9	92.4	86.6	0.5	6.3	213.5	*43.5*	204.2	*42.4*
Mining	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	0	5.9	*5.1*	6.9	*4.3*
Contract Construction	0.8	0.8	0.7	0	0.1	10.0	*8.0*	9.4	*7.4*
Transportation & Public Utilities .	3.5	3.5	3.4	0	0.1	18.7	*18.7*	18.4	*18.2*
Wholesale & Retail Trade	23.3	23.4	21.9	-0.1	1.4	57.6	*40.5*	54.3	*40.3*
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate ..	6.4	6.4	5.9	0	0.5	10.3	*62.1*	9.7	*60.8*
Services	28.3	28.1	26.2	0.2	2.1	44.8	*63.2*	42.5	*61.6*
Government	30.3	29.9	28.2	0.4	2.1	66.2	*45.8*	63.0	*44.8*

1/ Current month preliminary. Revised to 1975 Benchmark. Establishment Series began January 1974.

2/ Includes all civilian employees of Federal, State, and Local Governments regardless of the activity in which the employee is engaged.

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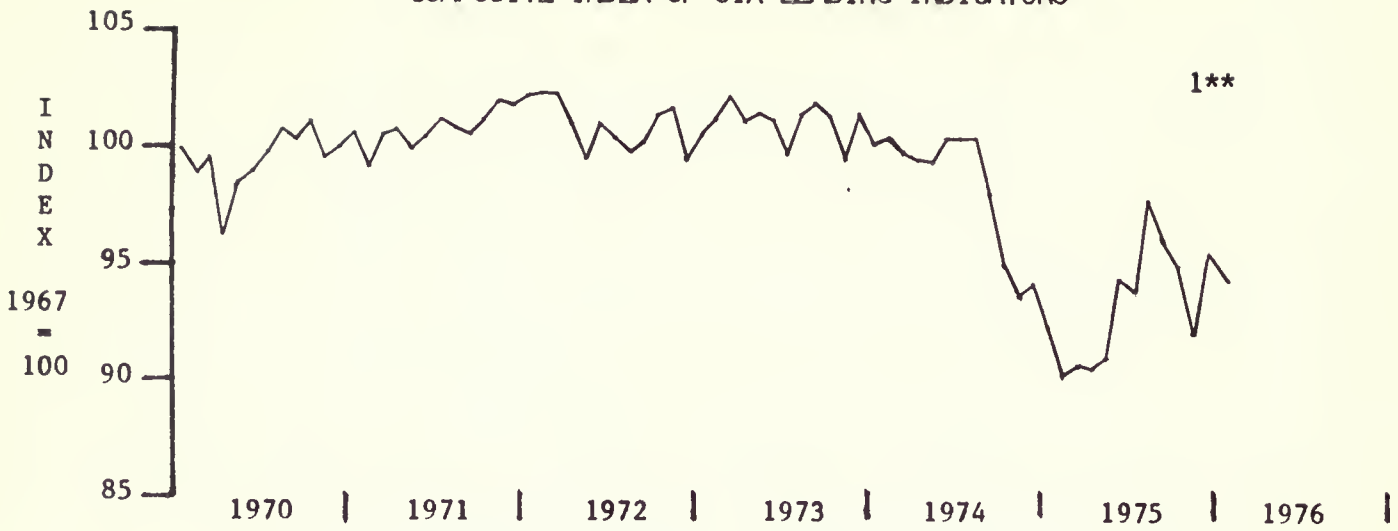
ECONOMIC INDICATORS

COMPOSITE INDEX OF SIX LEADING INDICATORS*



Composite Index of SIX LEADING INDICATORS 1967 = 100

1975	
January	92.1
February	90.0
March	90.5
April	90.4
May	90.8
June	94.2
July	93.7
August	97.6
September	95.7
October	94.7
November	91.8
December	95.2
1976	
January	94.1
February	
March	
April	
May	
June	
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October	
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December	

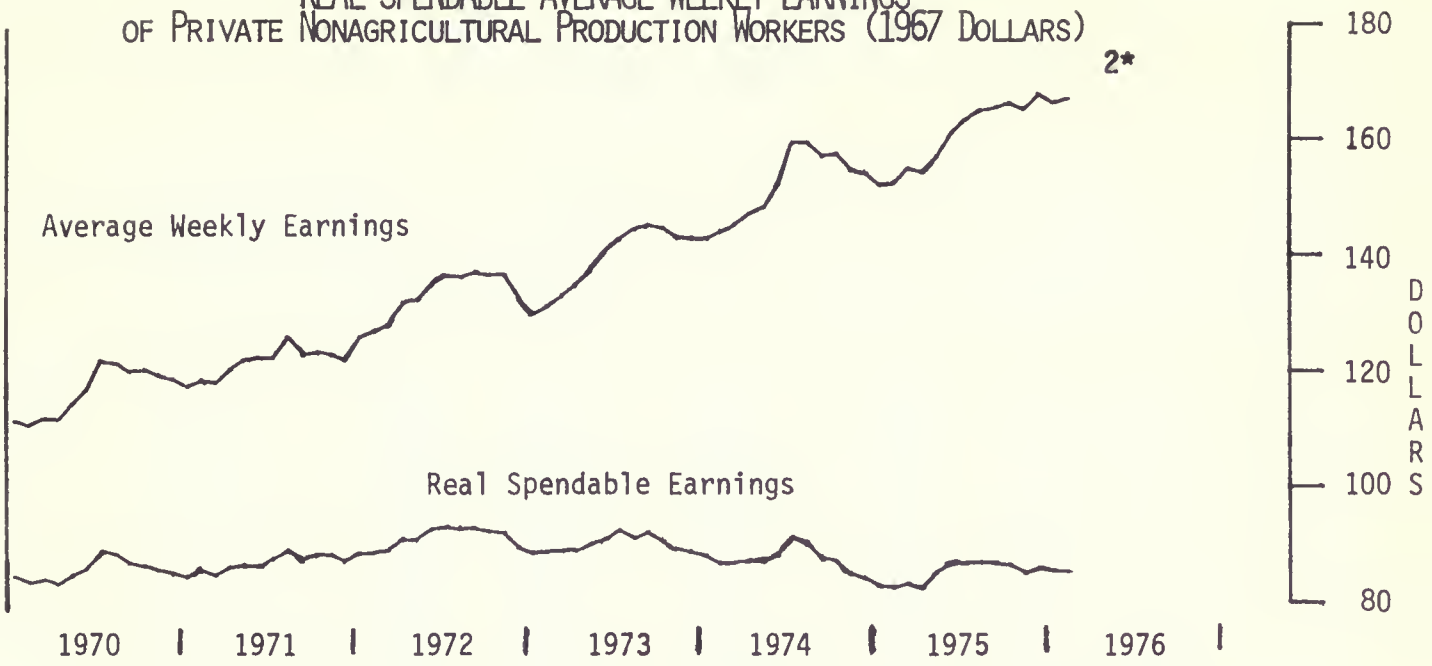
MONTANA's COMPOSITE INDEX

Five of the six leading indicators-Accessions, Layoffs, Weekly Intial Claims, Manufacturing Employment, and Building Permits-show positive trends for January. Average Weekly Hours, the only indicator to turn downward, is weighted heavily enough to pull January's Composite Index down to 94.1 from the December Index of 95.2.

* *Employment, Average Weekly Hours, Total Accessions, and Layoffs in Manufacturing; Building Permits, and Average Weekly Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims.*

** *Indicates last month of plotted data.*

REAL SPENDABLE AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF PRIVATE NONAGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION WORKERS (1967 DOLLARS)



	Feb. 1976$_p$	Jan. 1976	Feb. 1975
Gross Average Weekly Earnings	$166.52	$165.89	$152.80
Taxes Withheld	23.81	23.62	22.47
Spendable Earnings	142.71	142.27	130.33
Adjustment for Price Changes Since 1967	57.31	56.92	47.43
Real Spendable Earnings in 1967 Dollars	85.40	85.35	82.90

1975	Average Weekly Earnings 1/	Real Spendable Earnings 2/
Jan.	$152.28	$83.19
Feb.	152.80	82.90
Mar.	155.09	83.58
Apr.	154.22	82.77
May	157.24	85.48
Jun.	160.81	86.37
Jul.	163.52	86.63
Aug.	165.07	87.04
Sep.	165.53	86.81
Oct.	165.98	86.48
Nov.	165.34	85.67
Dec.	167.81	86.36
1976		
Jan.	165.89	85.35
Feb.	166.52p	85.40p
Mar.		
Apr.		
May		
June		

A 0.4% increase in gross average weekly earnings from $165.89 in January to $166.52 in February sufficiently exceeded a 0.2% rise in consumer prices. And it was this development that influenced an improvement to $85.40 in February real spendable earnings from $85.35 in January. Overshadowing this short-term revelation is the fact that the latest figures on real earnings, with the aid of declining inflation rates, persisted in improving over twelve-month durations.

* *Indicate last month of plotted data.* *p: Preliminary*
1/ Average weekly earning of total private nonagricultural production workers.
2/ Real spendable average weekly earnings of private nonagricultural production workers.

MONTANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(in Thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 2/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent 1/ Montana	Percent 1/ U. S.	
1974								
January	315.1	293.2	257.5	35.7	21.9	7.0	5.2	.1
February	314.2	294.7	260.4	34.3	19.5	6.2	5.2	*
March	317.1	297.2	261.8	35.4	19.9	6.3	5.1	*
April	318.6	297.2	265.1	32.1	21.4	6.7	5.0	*
May	325.5	303.9	267.3	36.6	21.6	6.6	5.2	4.0
June	327.8	304.1	267.9	36.2	23.7	7.2	5.2	2.0
July	326.6	304.6	266.5	38.1	22.0	6.7	5.3	*
August	319.2	298.4	267.0	31.4	20.8	6.5	5.4	.2
September	322.6	301.7	270.5	31.2	20.9	6.5	5.8	*
October	327.3	305.6	268.1	37.5	21.7	6.6	6.0	*
November	328.5	305.5	268.7	36.8	23.0	7.0	6.6	.1
December	328.2	305.1	269.1	36.0	23.1	7.0	7.2	*
1974 Avg.	322.6	301.0	265.9	35.1	21.6	6.7	5.6	.5
1975								
January	326.0	303.0	265.8	37.2	23.0	7.0	8.2	*
February	326.4	300.0	263.3	36.7	26.4	8.1	8.2	.1
March	326.0	300.0	265.2	34.8	26.0	8.0	8.7	.3
April	323.2	295.6	262.7	32.9	27.6	8.5	8.9	.2
May	325.6	299.0	265.1	33.9	26.6	8.2	9.2	.1
June	327.4	299.7	267.7	32.0	27.7	8.4	8.6	.1
July	327.8	301.3	268.9	32.4	26.5	8.1	8.4	.2
August	329.3	302.9	270.2	32.7	26.4	8.0	8.4	*
September	333.1	306.3	273.7	32.6	26.8	8.1	8.3	.3
October	336.4	308.4	273.1	35.3	28.0	8.3	8.6	.3
November	341.0	313.0	275.4	37.6	28.0	8.2	8.3	.2
December	343.5	314.0	274.6	39.4	29.5	8.6	8.3	.2
1975 Avg.	330.5	303.6	268.8	34.8	26.9	8.1	8.5	.1
1976								
January	342.2	314.5	275.2	39.3	27.7	8.1	7.8	*
February	342.2	315.2	274.6	40.6	27.0	7.9	7.6	
March								
April								
May								
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

1/ *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.*
2/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.*
* *Under 50.*

Series began January 1970.
Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.
Current month preliminary.

NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should not be confused with actual numbers.

RESIDENCE DATA

Table XI

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(in Thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 2/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent 1/ County	Percent 1/ State	
1974								
January	32.8	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.5	7.6	7.0	*
February	32.4	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.1	6.5	6.2	*
March	32.6	30.4	28.9	1.5	2.2	6.7	6.3	*
April	32.4	30.2	28.8	1.4	2.2	6.8	6.7	*
May	32.4	30.2	28.6	1.6	2.2	6.8	6.6	1.4
June	32.5	30.3	28.7	1.6	2.2	6.8	7.2	1.2
July	32.6	30.5	28.7	1.8	2.1	6.4	6.7	*
August	32.6	30.5	29.1	1.4	2.1	6.4	6.5	*
September	32.5	30.5	29.2	1.3	2.0	6.2	6.5	*
October	33.2	31.1	29.5	1.6	2.1	6.3	6.6	*
November	32.7	30.5	28.9	1.6	2.2	6.7	7.0	*
December	32.8	30.6	29.1	1.5	2.2	6.7	6.0	*
1974 Avg.	32.7	30.5	29.0	1.5	2.2	6.7	6.7	.2
1975								
January	32.4	30.3	28.7	1.6	2.1	6.5	7.0	*
February	32.7	30.0	28.5	1.5	2.7	8.3	8.1	*
March	32.5	29.9	28.5	1.4	2.6	8.1	8.0	.1
April	32.6	29.8	28.5	1.3	2.8	8.7	8.5	.1
May	32.4	29.9	28.6	1.3	2.5	7.8	8.2	*
June	32.2	29.7	28.5	1.2	2.5	7.8	8.4	*
July	32.4	29.8	28.5	1.3	2.6	8.2	8.1	*
August	32.5	29.8	28.5	1.3	2.7	8.2	8.0	*
September	32.7	30.0	28.8	1.2	2.7	8.2	8.1	*
October	33.0	30.0	28.7	1.3	3.0	9.0	8.3	*
November	33.6	30.8	29.3	1.5	2.8	8.3	8.2	*
December	33.4	30.5	29.0	1.5	2.9	8.8	8.6	*
1975 Avg.	32.7	30.0	28.6	1.4	2.7	8.2	8.1	*
1976								
January	33.7	31.0	29.3	1.7	2.7	8.0	8.1	
February	33.8	31.2	29.5	1.7	2.6	7.8	7.9	
March								
April								
May								
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

1/ *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.*

2/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.*

* *Under 50.*

Series began January 1970.

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Current month preliminary.

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Table XII

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(in Thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 2/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent 1/ County	Percent 1/ State	
1974								
January	45.4	42.5	41.0	1.5	2.9	6.4	7.0	*
February	45.1	42.9	41.4	1.5	2.2	4.9	6.2	*
March	45.5	43.4	41.7	1.7	2.1	4.6	6.3	*
April	45.6	43.1	41.4	1.7	2.5	5.5	6.7	*
May	45.8	43.4	41.5	1.9	2.4	5.2	6.6	.5
June	46.4	43.6	41.6	2.0	2.8	6.0	7.2	.5
July	46.6	44.1	42.1	2.0	2.5	5.4	6.7	*
August	46.2	44.0	42.0	2.0	2.2	4.8	6.5	*
September	46.2	43.9	42.3	1.6	2.3	5.0	6.5	*
October	46.2	43.9	42.0	1.9	2.3	5.0	6.6	*
November	45.6	43.2	41.4	1.8	2.4	5.3	7.0	*
December	45.8	43.5	41.7	1.8	2.3	5.0	7.0	*
1974 Avg.	45.9	43.5	41.7	1.8	2.4	5.3	6.7	*
1975								
January	46.9	44.0	42.3	1.7	2.9	6.2	7.0	*
February	46.6	43.3	41.6	1.7	3.3	7.0	8.1	*
March	46.5	43.3	41.7	1.6	3.2	7.0	8.0	.1
April	47.3	43.7	42.2	1.5	3.6	7.6	8.5	*
May	47.3	44.3	42.8	1.5	3.0	6.3	8.2	*
June	47.3	44.2	42.7	1.5	3.1	6.5	8.4	*
July	47.8	44.7	43.3	1.4	3.1	6.5	8.1	*
August	48.2	45.0	43.4	1.6	3.2	6.5	8.0	*
September	48.6	45.4	43.9	1.5	3.2	6.6	8.1	.2
October	48.0	44.8	43.2	1.6	3.2	6.7	8.3	.2
November	49.0	45.9	44.2	1.7	3.1	6.3	8.2	*
December	49.0	45.8	44.0	1.8	3.2	6.6	8.6	*
1975 Avg.	47.7	44.5	42.9	1.6	3.2	6.7	8.1	*
1976								
January	49.0	45.8	44.0	1.8	3.2	6.6	8.1	
February	48.5	45.6	43.7	1.9	2.9	6.0	7.9	
March								
April								
May								
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

1/ *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.*
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* *Under 50.*

Series began January 1970.
Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.
Current month preliminary.

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MONTANA HOURS AND EARNINGS

For Private Nonagricultural Industries

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. 1976	Jan. 1976	Feb. 1975	Feb. 1976	Jan. 1976	Feb. 1975	Feb. 1976	Jan. 1976	Feb. 1975
TOTAL PRIVATE	$166.52	$165.89	$152.80	36.2	36.3	35.7	$4.60	$4.57	$4.28
MANUFACTURING	212.44	214.50	187.31	37.8	38.1	36.3	5.62	5.63	5.16
Durable Goods	214.89	216.76	183.60	39.0	38.5	36.0	5.51	5.63	5.10
Primary Metal Industries	261.79	259.38	234.09	40.4	39.6	40.5	6.48	6.55	5.78
Nondurable Goods	205.87	208.31	196.79	34.6	37.0	37.2	5.95	5.63	5.29
Food and Kindred Products	181.44	191.38	190.90	33.6	37.6	39.2	5.40	5.09	4.87
MINING	290.58	303.52	247.83	43.5	45.1	41.1	6.68	6.73	6.03
Metal Mining	286.90	315.90	249.01	41.7	45.0	39.4	6.88	7.02	6.32
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	301.02	306.93	257.85	38.2	39.0	33.4	7.88	7.87	7.72
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	266.62	262.44	247.13	41.4	41.2	42.1	6.44	6.37	5.87
Communications, Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	230.08	235.01	199.16	38.8	39.9	38.3	5.93	5.89	5.20
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	135.97	134.97	120.76	35.5	35.8	34.8	3.83	3.77	3.47
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	125.45	121.81	117.66	37.9	36.8	37.0	3.31	3.31	3.18
SERVICES	107.57	106.59	103.64	32.4	32.3	32.9	3.32	3.30	3.15

Data for current month are preliminary.
Averages are based on gross earnings, including overtime and premium pay.
Selected Industries series began January 1950; Total Private Sector series began January 1969 (May 1972 issue).
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

ESTABLISHMENT DATA

MONTANA LABOR TURNOVER RATES

In Manufacturing and Mining Industries

(per 100 employees)

January 1976

	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Jan. 1976	Dec. 1975	Jan. 1975	Jan. 1976	Dec. 1975	Jan. 1975	Jan. 1976	Dec. 1975	Jan. 1975	Jan. 1976	Dec. 1975	Jan. 1975	Jan. 1976	Dec. 1975	Jan. 1975
MANUFACTURING	2.8	2.0	2.4	2.1	1.6	0.7	2.5	2.9	5.4	1.6	1.3	1.0	0.4	1.2	3.6
Durable Goods	2.8	1.9	3.0	1.8	1.3	0.4	2.5	2.8	6.3	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.6	1.3	4.8
Primary Metal Industries	1.6	1.2	1.2	0.1	0.2	0.0	3.5	1.6	2.5	0.7	*	0.8	1.3	1.1	1.1
Nondurable Goods	3.0	2.2	1.4	2.6	2.1	1.3	2.6	3.1	3.5	1.9	1.6	1.2	0.3	1.0	1.3
MINING	1.6	1.7	1.8	0.5	1.3	1.3	2.4	5.4	3.0	0.3	1.2	1.4	1.4	2.3	0.5
Metal Mining	1.6	0.9	1.0	0.1	*	0.0	3.1	5.9	3.3	0.4	0.1	0.7	1.3	4.3	1.0

* *Less than .05.*
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Series began January 1959.

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS IN MONTANA

BY INDUSTRY

New business firms in Montana are a reflection of economic activity within the business community. Data furnished on this page and the following page are an aggregate of information supplied by the office of the Montana Secretary of State and the Montana Employment Security Division. These data should in no way be construed as being absolute. They are presented to indicate business trends during the survey period.

The chart on the following page is a break-down by county and labor market area of business starts in Montana during the current month and year to date, with a comparison to the previous year.

The following chart is a break-down of new businesses by industry, with a comparison to last year.

Industry	Feb. 1976	Feb. 1975	Year to Date 1976	Year to Date 1975
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND FISHERIES	21	26	42	64
MINING	4	3	13	15
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	19	22	58	47
MANUFACTURING	6	9	16	16
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION, ELECTRIC, GAS, AND SANITARY SERVICES	7	2	12	10
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	27	50	77	96
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	19	23	49	52
SERVICES	65	78	167	165
GOVERNMENT	0	0	0	0
NOT ELSEWHERE CLASSIFIED	0	0	0	0
STATE TOTAL	168	213	434	465

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS IN MONTANA

BY LABOR MARKET AREA

Areas	NEW BUSINESS FIRMS			
			Year to Date	
	Feb. 1976	Feb. 1975	1976	1975
STATE OF MONTANA	168	213	434	465
GREAT FALLS SMSA	20	17	55	34
BILLINGS SMSA	24	25	62	67
ANACONDA-BUTTE LMA	12	22	32	43
Beaverhead	5	7	7	11
Deer Lodge	0	4	1	5
Granite	0	1	0	1
Madison	0	2	0	6
Powell	1	0	3	4
Silver Bow	6	8	21	16
BOZEMAN LMA	18	16	32	39
Gallatin	14	12	26	32
Meagher	1	1	1	2
Park	3	3	5	5
GLASGOW LMA	18	10	30	26
Daniels	7	0	9	4
Phillips	0	2	0	4
Roosevelt	0	5	5	11
Sheridan	6	0	9	1
Valley	5	3	7	6
GLENDIVE LMA	4	11	15	20
Dawson	3	2	6	5
Garfield	0	1	1	2
McCone	0	3	4	4
Prairie	0	1	2	1
Richland	1	4	2	7
Wibaux	0	0	0	1
HARDIN-RED LODGE LMA	2	6	9	11
Big Horn	1	1	3	6
Carbon	0	3	4	3
Stillwater	1	2	2	2
Sweet Grass	0	0	0	0

Areas	NEW BUSINESS FIRMS			
			Year to Date	
	Feb. 1976	Feb. 1975	1976	1975
HAVRE LMA	4	12	14	23
Blaine	0	3	2	4
Hill	3	6	11	15
Liberty	1	3	1	4
HELENA LMA	10	12	29	31
Broadwater	0	1	0	2
Jefferson	0	0	2	2
Lewis and Clark	10	11	27	27
KALISPELL LMA	15	23	46	49
Flathead	7	15	30	30
Lake	7	6	13	11
Lincoln	1	2	3	8
LEWISTOWN LMA	2	2	8	5
Fergus	1	0	6	3
Golden Valley	1	0	1	0
Judith Basin	0	0	0	0
Musselshell	0	1	1	1
Petroleum	0	0	0	0
Wheatland	0	1	0	1
MILES CITY LMA	8	8	19	27
Carter	1	0	1	3
Custer	1	2	7	7
Fallon	0	1	3	2
Powder River	1	0	1	2
Rosebud	5	4	7	12
Treasure	0	1	0	1
MISSOULA LMA	24	33	62	63
Mineral	1	3	1	5
Missoula	20	19	48	44
Ravalli	2	3	9	4
Sanders	1	8	4	10
SHELBY-CUT BANK LMA	7	16	21	27
Chouteau	4	2	5	4
Glacier	0	7	5	10
Pondera	0	4	1	4
Teton	0	2	4	4
Toole	3	1	6	5

Source of data: State of Montana Employment Security Division, Research and Analysis Section; Montana Secretary of State.

NEW CORPORATIONS AND BUSINESSES IN MONTANA

By Industry and Area, for 1974

Industry	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	% of Total
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish.	8	21	6	19	36	18	28	28	32	36	52	87	371	*13.9*
Mining	3	2	0	8	8	5	5	3	11	8	10	14	77	*2.9*
Construction	38	21	9	37	41	36	37	32	27	31	25	20	354	*13.3*
Manufacturing	10	6	7	10	14	11	28	12	14	22	9	14	157	*5.9*
Transp., Commun., Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	14	13	8	9	15	10	5	1	4	1	7	7	94	*3.6*
Wholesale, Retail	47	38	34	66	74	47	56	51	48	53	25	62	601	*22.5*
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	14	12	9	26	25	14	31	11	8	15	13	31	209	*7.8*
Services	66	54	38	87	79	68	79	76	61	86	61	49	804	*30.0*
Government	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	*0.0*
Nonclassifiable Establishments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	*0.1*
STATE TOTAL	200	167	111	262	292	209	269	214	205	253	204	284	2,670	*100.0*
Area														
Multi-County and Statewide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	*0.1*
Cascade SMSA	17	14	11	15	17	20	24	15	11	24	18	27	213	*8.0*
Yellowstone SMSA	30	30	16	53	48	23	32	23	26	31	38	35	385	*14.4*
Anaconda-Butte LMA	10	8	11	27	29	11	18	21	15	35	10	21	216	*8.1*
Bozeman LMA	22	10	8	17	28	13	27	25	22	30	13	26	241	*9.0*
Glasgow LMA	10	5	6	12	9	9	4	5	14	11	9	19	113	*4.2*
Glendive LMA	3	3	1	7	11	10	13	9	5	6	9	10	87	*3.3*
Hardin LMA	7	3	3	11	12	7	8	7	8	4	6	10	86	*3.2*
Havre LMA	5	4	3	12	10	2	10	11	5	13	5	13	93	*3.5*
Helena LMA	14	10	8	19	20	16	21	10	17	19	8	12	174	*6.5*
Kalispell LMA	27	19	15	33	30	37	41	19	31	22	27	27	328	*12.3*
Lewistown LMA	9	7	4	4	7	9	8	4	4	3	8	7	74	*2.8*
Miles City LMA	5	13	7	10	15	9	7	11	7	13	18	15	130	*4.9*
Missoula LMA	36	32	16	39	42	32	44	45	32	36	24	38	416	*15.6*
Shelby LMA	5	9	2	3	14	11	12	9	8	6	11	20	110	*4.1*

NEW CORPORATIONS AND BUSINESSES IN MONTANA

By Industry and Area, for 1975

Industry	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	% of Total
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish.	38	26	21	21	21	34	17	14	30	26	18	41	307	*11.5*
Mining	12	3	3	9	3	13	1	0	4	5	12	2	67	*2.5*
Construction	25	22	20	35	27	48	24	19	44	32	32	26	354	*13.3*
Manufacturing	7	9	4	9	8	21	7	7	13	6	8	10	109	*4.1*
Transp., Commun., Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	8	2	5	8	3	9	2	6	11	7	3	10	74	*2.8*
Wholesale, Retail	46	50	34	54	47	69	41	36	65	46	47	48	583	*21.9*
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	29	23	11	26	13	19	10	9	24	18	22	17	221	*8.3*
Services	87	78	54	71	86	104	73	67	109	94	58	67	948	*35.6*
Government	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*0*
Nonclassifiable Establishments	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	*0*
	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
STATE TOTAL	252	213	152	233	208	319	175	158	300	234	200	221	2,665	*100.0*
Area	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑
Multi-County and Statewide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*0*
Cascade SMSA	17	17	23	21	22	29	14	18	27	19	12	16	235	*8.8*
Yellowstone SMSA	42	25	24	35	33	46	30	30	40	33	30	30	398	*14.9*
Anaconda-Butte LMA	21	22	10	22	10	19	13	12	17	16	14	20	196	*7.4*
Bozeman LMA	23	16	14	24	19	32	11	10	25	20	26	18	238	*8.9*
Glasgow LMA	16	10	3	11	6	13	7	8	4	14	8	16	116	*4.4*
Glendive LMA	9	11	4	14	5	13	6	6	13	11	9	15	116	*4.3*
Hardin LMA	5	6	8	9	8	11	5	1	6	4	7	4	74	*2.8*
Havre LMA	11	12	6	6	4	13	4	6	7	5	7	6	87	*3.3*
Helena LMA	19	12	6	9	11	21	9	12	29	19	14	20	181	*6.8*
Kalispell LMA	26	23	13	24	25	28	19	22	40	26	17	29	292	*11.0*
Lewistown LMA	3	2	4	2	6	6	6	2	10	6	1	7	55	*2.1*
Miles City LMA	19	8	10	8	7	14	10	4	16	8	8	5	117	*4.3*
Missoula LMA	30	33	22	40	43	62	38	23	47	38	32	24	432	*16.2*
Shelby LMA	11	16	5	8	9	12	3	4	19	15	15	11	128	*4.8*

MONTANA FEMALE EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

(In Thousands)

1974

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Ann. Avg.
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary .	85.1	85.7	86.6	89.4	90.5	92.5	90.9	90.2	91.0	90.7	89.8	92.0	89.5
Manufacturing	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.4
Nonmanufacturing	82.8	83.4	84.4	87.2	88.2	90.0	88.4	87.7	88.5	88.1	87.4	89.7	87.1
Mining	.2	.2	.2	.2	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3
Contract Construction	.8	.7	.7	.8	.8	.9	1.0	.9	.8	.8	.8	.7	.8
Transport. & Public Utilities	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.4
Wholesale & Retail Trade	23.1	22.7	23.1	24.5	25.1	25.6	25.9	26.2	25.9	24.4	24.2	25.0	24.6
Finance, Ins., & Real Estate	6.1	6.0	6.1	6.2	6.1	6.2	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.2	6.1	6.2	6.2
Services	25.7	25.9	26.1	27.2	27.4	28.4	29.3	28.7	28.1	26.7	26.6	26.9	27.2
Government[1/]	23.8	24.7	25.0	25.0	25.1	25.2	22.1	21.8	23.6	26.2	26.0	27.1	24.6

1975

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Ann. Avg.
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary .	88.6	88.9	91.2	92.5	95.0	97.6	95.4	95.3	97.3	96.9	98.2	98.4	94.6
Manufacturing	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.5
Nonmanufacturing	86.3	86.6	88.9	90.2	92.6	95.0	92.7	92.7	94.7	94.1	95.5	95.8	92.1
Mining	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3
Contract Construction	.8	.7	.7	.8	.8	.9	.9	.9	.9	.9	.9	.9	.8
Transport. & Public Utilities	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.5
Wholesale & Retail Trade	22.6	21.9	22.8	24.1	25.1	25.8	26.3	27.0	27.1	25.2	25.5	26.0	24.9
Finance, Ins., & Real Estate	5.9	5.9	6.0	6.0	6.1	6.2	6.3	6.3	6.4	6.3	6.2	6.4	6.2
Services	26.4	26.2	27.1	27.2	28.3	29.4	29.4	29.7	28.9	28.1	28.0	28.3	28.1
Government[1/]	27.0	28.2	28.6	28.5	28.6	28.9	25.9	24.9	27.5	29.7	31.0	30.4	28.3

1/ Includes all civilian employees of Federal, State, and Local Governments regardless of the activity in which the employee is engaged. Establishment Series began January 1974. Revised to 1975 Benchmark.

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MONTANA

U. S. Department of Labor
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ANNUAL STATEWIDE LABOR FORCE REPORT FOR 1975

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(In Thousands)

INDUSTRY	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1975	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1974	Percent Change 1974-1975
1. CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	308.9	309.6	316.6	320.3	327.9	349.1	346.9	350.9	340.2	332.6	330.0	326.2	329.9	322.6	2.3
2. UNEMPLOYMENT	28.9	31.4	29.3	28.0	23.6	20.4	25.6	23.0	22.5	24.2	26.5	29.7	26.8	21.6	24.1
Percent of Labor Force[1/]	9.4	10.2	9.2	8.7	7.2	8.1	7.4	6.6	6.6	7.3	8.0	9.1	8.1	6.7	-
3. EMPLOYMENT, TOTAL	280.0	278.2	287.3	292.3	304.3	319.7	321.3	327.9	317.7	308.4	303.5	296.5	303.1	301.0	.7
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	224.9	223.0	227.5	229.9	235.7	245.9	245.6	247.6	247.8	243.3	242.5	240.9	237.9	235.2	1.1
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment data)	228.9	226.0	229.8	231.8	237.9	243.1	247.8	250.0	249.8	245.6	244.7	243.0	240.0	235.9	1.7
MANUFACTURING	21.8	20.8	20.5	20.4	21.0	22.7	23.5	23.9	23.6	23.3	23.1	22.2	22.2	24.3	-8.6
Durable Goods	13.3	13.0	12.9	12.7	13.5	14.9	15.5	15.9	15.8	14.9	14.3	14.0	14.2	15.8	-10.1
24 Lumber and Wood Products	7.3	7.1	7.1	6.8	7.5	8.5	9.2	9.9	9.8	9.0	8.8	8.4	8.2	9.3	-11.9
33 Primary Metal Industries	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.5	3.4	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.3	3.4	-2.9
Other Durable Goods	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.7	3.1	-12.9
Nondurable Goods	8.3	7.8	7.6	7.7	7.5	7.9	8.0	8.0	7.8	8.5	8.1	8.2	8.0	8.5	-5.9
20 Food and Kindred Products	3.9	3.6	3.1	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.3	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.7	4.1	-9.8
27 Printing and Publishing	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	0
29 Petroleum and Coal Products	1.1	.9	.9	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.0	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.4	-7.1
NONMANUFACTURING	205.3	204.2	209.1	211.4	216.9	225.4	221.3	226.1	226.2	222.3	222.3	220.8	217.8	211.6	2.9
Mining	7.2	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.9	7.0	6.9	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.2	6.1	6.7	7.5	-10.7
10 Metal Mining	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.1	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.6	2.5	3.1	4.1	-24.4
12 & 14 Bitum. Coal, Quarrying, Nonmetal Mining	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.4	14.3
13 Oil and Gas Extraction	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.0	0
Contract Construction	10.6	9.4	10.1	10.5	12.3	13.8	14.6	14.9	14.6	14.1	13.3	11.4	12.4	13.8	-10.1
15 General Building Contractors	4.6	4.0	4.2	4.4	4.8	5.5	5.7	5.8	5.6	5.4	5.0	4.3	4.9	5.4	-9.3
16 Heavy Construction Contractors	1.8	1.6	1.8	2.0	2.8	3.3	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.3	2.3	2.8	3.4	-17.6
17 Special Trade Contractors	4.2	3.8	4.1	4.1	4.7	5.0	5.3	5.4	5.3	5.1	5.0	4.8	4.7	5.0	-6.0
Transportation and Public Utilities	18.6	18.4	18.5	18.5	18.9	19.6	19.9	20.2	19.8	19.4	19.4	19.1	19.2	19.6	-2.0
40 Railroad Transportation	6.3	6.1	6.1	5.9	6.2	6.3	6.3	6.2	6.0	6.1	6.1	5.9	6.1	6.5	-6.2
41-47 Transportation, except Railroad	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.9	6.1	5.4	6.3	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.8	6.0	-3.3
48 & 49 Commun., Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.1	7.2	7.4	7.5	7.6	7.5	7.4	7.4	7.3	7.3	7.1	2.8
Wholesale and Retail Trade	55.4	54.3	58.5	57.8	59.4	61.1	61.9	62.9	62.5	60.4	60.2	61.3	59.5	59.1	.7
Wholesale Trade	11.6	11.5	11.7	11.8	11.8	11.9	12.1	12.2	12.1	12.0	11.8	11.7	11.9	11.9	0
Retail Trade	43.8	42.8	44.8	46.0	47.8	49.2	49.8	50.7	50.4	48.4	48.3	49.6	47.6	47.2	.8
55 & 58 Ret. Gen. Merch., Apparel, Accessories	7.7	7.2	7.4	7.5	7.8	8.2	8.3	8.5	8.3	8.7	8.8	8.5	8.2	8.0	2.5
54 Food Stores	6.3	6.2	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.7	6.6	6.5	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.5	-1.5
55 Automotive Dealers, Service Stations	7.9	7.8	8.0	7.9	8.0	8.2	8.2	8.4	8.4	8.3	8.3	8.1	8.1	8.7	-8.9
58 Eating and Drinking Places	12.9	12.7	13.8	14.6	15.6	16.1	16.6	16.8	16.3	15.0	14.8	14.9	15.0	14.3	4.9
52,57,59 Bldg. Mat., Farm Equip., Furniture, Misc	9.0	8.9	9.3	9.7	9.9	10.3	10.2	10.3	10.3	9.9	10.0	10.7	9.9	9.7	2.1
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	9.7	9.7	10.0	10.0	10.1	10.2	10.4	10.4	10.5	10.3	10.2	10.4	10.2	10.0	2.0
Services	42.2	42.5	43.8	43.8	44.4	46.4	47.1	47.6	48.6	44.8	44.6	45.3	44.9	43.4	3.5
70 Hotels and other Lodging Places	4.9	4.9	5.2	5.3	5.5	7.2	7.6	7.7	6.8	5.6	5.2	5.2	5.9	6.0	-1.7
72 Personal Services	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.6	-3.8
80 Medical and other Health Services	14.0	14.0	14.1	13.8	14.1	14.2	14.1	14.3	14.4	14.4	14.4	14.4	14.2	13.7	3.6
Other Services	20.9	21.2	21.8	22.2	22.3	22.4	22.9	23.0	22.9	22.4	22.6	23.2	22.3	21.1	5.7
Government	61.6	63.0	63.5	63.9	64.9	67.3	63.5	63.5	65.6	66.7	88.4	67.2	64.9	58.2	11.5
91 Federal Government	13.0	12.8	12.9	13.2	13.9	15.8	15.8	16.0	15.4	14.4	14.3	13.5	14.2	13.0	9.2
Total State and Local Government	48.6	50.2	50.6	50.7	51.0	51.5	47.7	47.5	50.2	52.3	54.1	53.7	50.7	45.2	12.2
92 State Government	18.6	18.7	19.1	18.6	18.7	18.4	17.3	17.1	17.8	18.9	19.4	19.6	18.5	17.2	7.6
93 Local Government	30.0	31.5	31.5	32.1	32.3	33.1	30.4	30.4	32.4	33.4	34.7	34.1	32.2	28.0	15.0
(b) ALL OTHER NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT[2/]	28.3	27.8	29.5	29.5	31.6	33.0	33.5	33.1	31.5	31.1	31.8	30.5	30.9	30.7	.7
(c) AGRICULTURE	26.8	27.4	30.2	32.9	37.0	40.8	42.2	47.2	38.4	34.0	29.2	25.1	34.3	35.1	-2.3
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes[3/]	*	.1	.3	.3	.1	.1	.2	*	.3	.3	.2	.2	.2	*	*
5. Insured Unemployment (UI)	16.6	17.8	16.6	16.4	13.4	14.2	13.1	12.1	11.8	13.0	14.5	17.2	14.7	10.4	41.3
Percent of Insured Labor Force	9.8	10.6	9.8	9.5	7.7	7.8	7.1	6.5	6.4	7.3	8.1	9.6	8.3	5.9	-

1/ Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. Revised to 1975 Benchmarks. Establishment Series began January 1964 Residence Series began January 1970.
2/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.
3/ Non-Additive - Included in Line (a). * Under 50. Produced in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, by Research and Analysis, Employment Security Division, Helena, Montana.

GREAT FALLS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(CASCADE COUNTY, MONTANA)

Annual Labor Force Report

(In Thousands)

1974 1975

	1974 Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	1974 Avg.
1. Civilian Labor Force	31.6	31.1	31.9	32.3	32.4	34.1	33.9	33.8	33.2	33.1	32.1	32.2	32.7
2. Unemployment	2.9	2.4	2.3	2.0	2.0	2.6	2.2	2.0	1.9	1.8	2.0	2.1	2.2
Percent of Labor Force[1]	*9.3*	*7.8*	*7.2*	*6.2*	*6.2*	*7.6*	*6.4*	*5.9*	*5.8*	*5.6*	*6.3*	*6.6*	*6.7*
3. Employment, Total	28.6	28.7	29.6	30.3	30.4	31.6	31.7	31.8	31.3	31.3	30.1	30.1	30.5
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	25.3	25.6	26.0	26.5	26.3	27.1	27.0	27.3	27.3	27.4	26.4	26.7	26.6
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*26.7*	*26.0*	*26.3*	*26.7*	*26.7*	*27.3*	*27.6*	*27.8*	*27.6*	*27.0*	*26.7*	*26.6*	*26.8*
MANUFACTURING	*1.8*	*1.9*	*1.8*	*1.9*	*1.8*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*1.8*	*2.0*	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.9*
NONMANUFACTURING	*24.8*	*24.1*	*24.5*	*24.8*	*24.9*	*25.3*	*25.5*	*25.8*	*25.7*	*25.0*	*24.9*	*24.8*	*24.9*
Contract Construction	*1.3*	*1.3*	*1.4*	*1.6*	*1.3*	*1.3*	*1.7*	*1.7*	*1.7*	*1.7*	*1.7*	*1.6*	*1.6*
Transportation and Public Utilities	*2.3*	*2.3*	*2.3*	*2.3*	*2.3*	*2.3*	*2.3*	*2.3*	*2.3*	*2.1*	*2.1*	*2.0*	*2.2*
Wholesale and Retail Trade	*7.5*	*7.5*	*7.8*	*7.9*	*8.2*	*8.4*	*8.2*	*8.2*	*8.2*	*8.1*	*8.0*	*8.2*	*8.0*
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	*1.7*	*1.9*	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.8*
Services and Mining	*5.6*	*5.6*	*5.6*	*5.8*	*5.5*	*5.7*	*5.6*	*5.8*	*5.8*	*5.6*	*5.6*	*5.8*	*5.8*
Government	*5.8*	*5.8*	*5.8*	*5.8*	*5.8*	*6.1*	*5.8*	*5.8*	*5.8*	*5.8*	*5.8*	*5.8*	*5.8*
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment[2]	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.4
(c) Agriculture	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.5	1.7	2.0	2.2	2.0	1.5	1.6	1.4	1.1	1.5
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes[3]	0	0	0	0	1.4	1.2	*	*	*	0	*	*	*

	1975 Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	1975 Avg.
. Civilian Labor Force	31.1	31.2	31.8	32.6	32.7	33.7	33.7	33.7	33.3	33.0	32.9	32.8	32.7
. Unemployment	2.6	3.0	2.8	2.7	2.4	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.4	2.7	2.6	2.8	2.7
Percent of Labor Force[1]	*8.3*	*9.7*	*8.7*	*8.2*	*7.3*	*8.4*	*8.1*	*7.6*	*7.2*	*8.1*	*7.9*	*8.5*	*8.2*
. Employment, Total	28.5	28.2	29.0	29.8	30.3	30.9	31.0	31.2	30.9	30.3	30.3	30.0	30.0
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	25.2	25.0	25.5	26.2	26.4	26.8	26.8	26.8	27.0	26.7	26.6	26.7	26.3
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*26.1*	*25.8*	*26.3*	*26.9*	*27.2*	*27.7*	*27.6*	*27.8*	*27.9*	*27.6*	*27.6*	*27.6*	*27.2*
MANUFACTURING	*1.8*	*1.7*	*1.7*	*1.7*	*1.8*	*1.7*	*1.7*	*1.7*	*1.7*	*1.7*	*1.8*	*1.7*	*1.7*
NONMANUFACTURING	*24.3*	*24.1*	*24.6*	*25.2*	*25.6*	*26.0*	*25.9*	*26.1*	*26.2*	*25.8*	*25.8*	*25.9*	*25.5*
Contract Construction	*1.3*	*1.3*	*1.3*	*1.4*	*1.6*	*1.5*	*1.6*	*1.7*	*1.7*	*1.6*	*1.6*	*1.4*	*1.5*
Transportation and Public Utilities	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*
Wholesale and Retail Trade	*7.7*	*7.6*	*7.8*	*8.3*	*8.3*	*8.5*	*8.6*	*8.6*	*8.6*	*8.3*	*8.3*	*8.6*	*8.3*
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.9*	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.8*
Services and Mining	*5.7*	*5.7*	*5.8*	*5.9*	*5.9*	*6.0*	*6.2*	*6.3*	*6.2*	*6.1*	*6.2*	*6.2*	*6.0*
Government	*5.8*	*5.8*	*6.0*	*6.0*	*6.0*	*6.1*	*5.8*	*5.8*	*5.8*	*5.8*	*6.0*	*6.0*	*5.9*
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment[2]	2.2	2.1	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.3
(c) Agriculture	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.9	1.6	1.3	1.3	1.0	1.4
Persons involved in labor/management disputes[3]	0	0	.1	.1	0	0	0	0	0	*	*	*	*

[1] *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.*
[2] *Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households*
[3] *Non-Additive - Included in Line (a).*
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BILLINGS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(YELLOWSTONE COUNTY, MONTANA)

Annual Labor Force Report
(In Thousands)

1974 1975

	1974 Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	1974 Avg.
1. Civilian Labor Force	44.0	43.9	44.6	45.1	45.5	48.1	47.9	47.0	46.1	46.6	45.9	45.8	45.9
2. Unemployment	3.4	2.6	2.4	2.2	2.0	3.1	2.5	2.1	2.0	1.9	2.3	2.5	2.4
Percent of Labor Force[1]	*7.8*	*5.9*	*5.4*	*4.9*	*4.4*	*6.3*	*5.3*	*4.4*	*4.4*	*4.2*	*5.0*	*5.4*	*5.3*
3. Employment, Total	40.6	41.3	42.2	42.9	43.6	45.0	45.4	44.9	44.1	44.7	43.6	43.3	43.5
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	35.6	36.3	36.6	37.1	37.3	38.3	38.4	38.1	38.0	38.6	37.9	37.9	37.5
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*36.6*	*35.7*	*36.1*	*37.4*	*38.0*	*39.0*	*38.8*	*38.7*	*38.5*	*38.9*	*38.6*	*38.7*	*37.8*
MANUFACTURING	*3.8*	*3.7*	*3.3*	*3.5*	*3.5*	*3.6*	*3.5*	*3.6*	*3.4*	*4.2*	*3.9*	*3.8*	*3.6*
NONMANUFACTURING	*31.8*	*32.0*	*32.8*	*33.9*	*34.5*	*35.4*	*35.3*	*35.1*	*35.1*	*34.7*	*34.7*	*34.9*	*34.2*
Contract Construction	*1.7*	*1.8*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*2.1*	*2.1*	*2.4*	*2.5*	*2.6*	*2.5*	*2.4*	*2.3*	*2.1*
Transportation and Public Utilities	*3.4*	*3.4*	*3.5*	*3.5*	*3.7*	*3.7*	*3.7*	*3.7*	*3.7*	*3.6*	*3.5*	*3.5*	*3.6*
Wholesale and Retail Trade	*11.1*	*11.1*	*11.4*	*12.0*	*12.2*	*12.5*	*12.5*	*12.5*	*12.5*	*12.1*	*12.2*	*12.4*	*12.0*
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.9*	*1.8*	*1.9*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*
Services and Mining	*7.4*	*7.4*	*7.6*	*7.8*	*8.0*	*8.0*	*8.3*	*8.2*	*8.1*	*7.9*	*7.8*	*7.7*	*7.9*
Government	*6.4*	*6.4*	*6.5*	*6.6*	*6.6*	*7.2*	*6.4*	*6.2*	*6.3*	*6.7*	*6.9*	*7.1*	*6.6*
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment[2]	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.2	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.2
(c) Agriculture	1.1	1.1	1.6	1.7	2.0	2.3	2.5	2.4	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.3	1.8
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes[3]	0	0	0	0	.5	.5	*	*	*	*	0	0	*

	1975 Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	1975 Avg.
1. Civilian Labor Force	45.4	45.1	45.6	46.8	47.1	49.0	49.5	49.2	48.5	48.4	49.1	48.4	47.7
2. Unemployment	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.4	2.6	3.4	3.2	3.1	2.9	2.8	2.9	3.1	3.2
Percent of Labor Force[1]	*7.6*	*8.0*	*7.9*	*7.3*	*5.6*	*7.0*	*6.5*	*6.2*	*5.9*	*5.8*	*5.8*	*6.5*	*6.7*
3. Employment, Total	42.0	41.5	42.0	43.4	44.5	45.6	46.3	46.1	45.6	45.6	46.2	45.3	44.5
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	36.8	36.3	36.5	37.7	38.4	39.2	39.8	39.4	39.5	39.6	40.3	39.8	38.6
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*36.9*	*36.5*	*36.6*	*37.9*	*38.6*	*38.5*	*39.9*	*39.7*	*39.6*	*39.7*	*40.7*	*40.0*	*38.8*
MANUFACTURING	*3.7*	*3.4*	*2.9*	*3.0*	*3.3*	*3.3*	*3.4*	*3.4*	*3.3*	*3.5*	*3.7*	*3.5*	*3.4*
NONMANUFACTURING	*33.2*	*33.1*	*33.7*	*34.9*	*35.3*	*36.2*	*36.5*	*36.3*	*36.3*	*38.2*	*37.0*	*36.5*	*35.4*
Contract Construction	*2.0*	*1.7*	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.9*	*1.8*	*2.2*	*2.3*	*2.3*	*2.2*	*2.1*	*2.0*	*2.0*
Transportation and Public Utilities	*3.4*	*3.4*	*3.4*	*3.4*	*3.5*	*3.6*	*3.6*	*3.6*	*3.6*	*3.4*	*3.4*	*3.3*	*3.5*
Wholesale and Retail Trade	*11.5*	*11.4*	*11.7*	*12.4*	*12.6*	*12.9*	*12.8*	*12.9*	*13.3*	*13.0*	*13.0*	*13.3*	*12.6*
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.9*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*1.9*
Services and Mining	*7.8*	*7.6*	*7.7*	*8.0*	*8.0*	*8.2*	*8.8*	*8.6*	*8.4*	*8.3*	*8.2*	*8.2*	*8.1*
Government	*6.8*	*7.2*	*7.2*	*7.4*	*7.4*	*7.6*	*7.3*	*6.8*	*6.7*	*7.3*	*8.3*	*7.7*	*7.3*
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment[2]	4.0	3.9	4.1	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.6	4.3	4.3
(c) Agriculture	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.7	1.9	1.9	2.2	1.8	1.6	1.3	1.2	1.6
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes[3]	*	.1	.2	.1	0	0	0	0	.2	.2	0	0	.1

1/ *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.*
2/ *Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.*
3/ *Non-Additive - Included in Line (a).*
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MONTANA

HOURS AND EARNINGS SERIES BY MONTHS
Average Hours and Earnings in Private, Nonagricultural Industries 1975 (1)

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Ave
TOTAL PRIVATE	$152.28	$152.80	$155.09	$154.22	$157.24	$160.81	$163.52	$165.07	$165.53	$165.98	$165.34	$167.81	$160.37
MANUFACTURING	195.30	187.31	189.38	179.71	183.45	189.74	188.64	196.04	211.07	206.27	205.69	220.49	195.7[illegible]
Durable Goods	193.29	183.60	183.91	174.59	177.21	183.63	185.34	188.05	189.07	204.23	204.27	222.49	190.[illegible]
Primary Metal Industries	237.39	234.09	230.22	242.53	244.67	225.46	239.78	232.02	248.46	247.78	254.72	249.05	240.79
Nondurable Goods	200.09	196.79	203.13	192.93	202.36	207.48	197.68	219.08	226.80	211.69	208.13	215.07	206.64
Food and Kindred Products	187.98	190.90	203.84	206.66	199.39	201.70	194.18	200.82	213.07	186.53	188.48	192.53	197.51
MINING	254.71	247.83	249.07	259.95	266.02	269.81	284.49	284.85	287.06	292.37	280.57	301.91	272.82
Metal Mining	256.37	249.01	242.41	256.40	266.69	263.86	286.90	280.16	281.80	298.74	270.75	306.22	271.42
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	261.12	257.85	267.05	260.35	278.87	291.46	293.31	295.60	302.16	290.03	294.09	301.40	283.14
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	249.57	247.13	252.15	249.48	245.18	243.39	257.47	254.15	256.89	260.41	260.83	270.72	253.80
Commun., Elec., Gas, San. Services	200.97	199.16	202.15	202.27	203.58	204.34	219.22	221.26	218.68	235.22	232.07	238.19	214.[illegible]
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	117.28	120.76	120.74	120.41	124.25	126.74	129.59	131.40	129.96	129.60	132.12	133.95	124.[illegible]
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	115.61	117.66	118.45	117.71	117.36	120.29	118.86	119.36	117.98	117.71	122.84	119.60	118.5[illegible]
SERVICES	104.23	103.64	104.32	103.36	103.68	104.65	106.60	105.62	105.62	104.97	105.30	105.29	104.97

AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS

TOTAL PRIVATE	36.0	35.7	35.9	35.7	35.9	36.3	36.5	36.6	36.3	36.4	36.1	36.8	36.
MANUFACTURING	37.2	36.3	35.8	35.1	35.9	36.7	36.0	37.2	38.1	37.3	36.6	39.8	36.[illegible]
Durable Goods	37.1	36.0	35.3	35.2	35.8	36.8	36.2	36.8	37.0	37.2	36.3	40.6	36.7
Primary Metal Industries	41.0	40.5	39.9	41.6	41.4	36.9	38.0	38.8	39.5	39.9	39.8	40.3	39.8
Nondurable Goods	37.4	37.2	37.0	34.7	36.2	36.4	35.3	38.3	37.8	37.6	37.3	37.6	36.9
Food and Kindred Products	39.0	39.2	39.2	38.2	37.2	37.7	37.2	39.3	39.9	38.7	38.0	37.9	38.5
MINING	42.1	41.1	41.1	42.2	42.7	43.1	43.7	44.3	44.3	44.5	42.9	45.4	43.1
Metal Mining	40.5	39.4	38.6	40.0	40.9	41.1	41.7	41.2	40.9	42.8	39.7	44.9	41.0
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	34.0	33.4	35.0	34.9	35.3	36.8	37.7	37.8	38.2	36.9	36.9	38.2	36.3
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	42.3	42.1	43.4	42.5	42.2	42.7	43.2	42.5	41.5	41.8	41.6	42.3	42.3
Commun., Elec., Gas, San. Services	39.1	38.3	39.1	39.2	39.0	39.6	40.9	39.3	37.9	39.8	39.4	40.1	39.3
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	34.8	34.8	35.1	34.9	35.4	35.7	36.3	36.5	36.0	35.8	36.0	36.4	35.6
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	36.7	37.0	36.9	36.9	36.0	36.9	36.8	36.5	36.3	36.9	37.0	36.8	36.7
SERVICES	33.3	32.9	32.6	32.4	32.5	32.3	32.9	32.4	32.4	32.2	32.3	32.7	32.6

AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS

TOTAL PRIVATE	$4.23	$4.28	$4.32	$4.32	$4.38	$4.43	$4.48	$4.51	$4.56	$4.56	$4.58	$4.56	$4.43
MANUFACTURING	5.25	5.16	5.29	5.12	5.11	5.17	5.24	5.27	5.54	5.53	5.62	5.54	5.32
Durable Goods	5.21	5.10	5.21	4.96	4.95	4.99	5.12	5.11	5.11	5.49	5.63	5.48	5.20
Primary Metal Industries	5.79	5.78	5.77	5.83	5.91	6.11	6.31	5.98	6.29	6.21	6.40	6.18	6.05
Nondurable Goods	5.35	5.29	5.49	5.56	5.59	5.70	5.60	5.72	6.00	5.63	5.58	5.72	5.60
Food and Kindred Products	4.82	4.87	5.20	5.41	5.36	5.35	5.22	5.11	5.34	4.82	4.96	5.08	5.13
MINING	6.05	6.03	6.06	6.16	6.23	6.26	6.51	6.43	6.48	6.57	6.54	6.65	6.33
Metal Mining	6.33	6.32	6.28	6.41	6.52	6.42	6.88	6.80	6.89	6.98	6.82	6.82	6.62
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	7.68	7.72	7.63	7.46	7.90	7.92	7.78	7.82	7.91	7.86	7.97	7.89	7.80
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	5.90	5.87	5.81	5.87	5.81	5.70	5.96	5.98	6.19	6.23	6.27	6.40	6.00
Commun., Elec., Gas, San. Services	5.14	5.20	5.17	5.16	5.22	5.16	5.36	5.63	5.77	5.91	5.89	5.94	5.46
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	3.37	3.47	3.44	3.45	3.51	3.55	3.57	3.60	3.61	3.62	3.67	3.68	3.55
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	3.15	3.18	3.21	3.19	3.26	3.26	3.23	3.27	3.25	3.19	3.32	3.25	3.23
SERVICE	3.13	3.15	3.20	3.19	3.19	3.24	3.24	3.26	3.26	3.26	3.26	3.22	3.22

(1) *Based on reports from cooperating establishments, and covers both full and part-time production and related workers who worked during or received pay for any part of the weekly pay period including the 12th of each month. Figures are average of gross earnings including overtime and premium pay. Selected Industries series began January 1950; Total Private Sector series began January 1968.*
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LABOR TURNOVER RATES IN SELECTED MONTANA INDUSTRIES 1975

(Per 100 Employees by Calendar Year)

MANUFACTURING

	1975 Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	1975 Avg.
Total Accessions	2.6	2.0	2.6	3.0	4.9	7.4	4.9	5.1	4.0	4.5	1.7	2.0	3.7
New Hires	0.8	0.9	1.7	1.7	3.4	4.8	4.2	4.2	3.3	4.0	1.5	1.6	2.7
Total Separations	3.7	3.5	3.4	2.4	4.4	3.7	3.9	4.3	5.3	3.5	3.4	2.9	3.8
Quits	1.1	0.7	1.1	1.2	1.6	2.3	1.9	2.9	3.1	1.6	1.0	1.3	1.6
Layoffs	1.9	2.3	1.8	0.6	2.2	0.5	1.1	0.7	1.2	1.0	1.7	1.2	1.5

DURABLE GOODS

Total Accessions	3.3	2.5	2.3	3.0	5.9	7.5	5.2	5.3	4.0	2.4	0.5	1.9	3.6
New Hires	0.5	1.0	1.1	1.9	4.3	5.8	4.3	4.8	3.3	2.0	0.9	1.3	2.6
Total Separations	3.8	3.6	2.7	2.6	3.2	4.1	3.6	4.7	5.1	3.6	2.6	2.8	3.7
Quits	1.1	0.9	1.2	1.1	1.5	2.5	2.0	3.2	3.3	1.6	0.8	1.1	1.7
Layoffs	2.2	2.1	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.8	1.2	0.9	1.3	1.3

PRIMARY METAL INDUSTRIES

Total Accessions	1.2	0.4	0.4	0.5	4.3	6.7	2.0	1.5	2.4	1.6	0.5	1.2	1.9
New Hires	0.0	0.1	0.2	*	0.0	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	*	0.2	1.3
Total Separations	2.5	3.5	1.6	2.7	4.2	2.8	3.3	2.8	2.7	1.3	2.4	1.6	2.6
Quits	0.8	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.1	*	0.4
Layoffs	1.1	2.6	0.6	1.0	3.2	1.4	1.9	0.3	1.6	0.1	1.6	1.1	1.4

NONDURABLE GOODS

Total Accessions	1.4	1.0	3.2	2.8	2.9	7.0	4.3	4.8	3.8	8.1	2.8	2.2	3.7
New Hires	1.3	0.6	2.6	1.4	1.7	2.7	4.0	2.8	3.1	7.7	2.7	2.1	2.7
Total Separations	3.5	3.4	4.7	1.9	6.8	2.7	4.5	3.6	5.5	3.6	4.9	3.1	4.0
Quits	1.2	0.5	0.9	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.7	2.4	2.5	1.8	1.4	1.6	1.6
Layoffs	1.3	2.6	3.4	*	4.5	0.5	1.9	1.1	2.2	0.7	3.0	1.0	1.9

MINING

Total Accessions	1.8	2.2	2.9	2.6	3.9	4.6	3.4	3.3	3.1	4.9	2.8	1.7	3.1
New Hires	1.3	0.7	1.1	1.7	2.2	3.0	2.2	1.9	1.6	2.7	2.1	1.3	1.8
Total Separations	3.0	2.3	4.7	2.8	2.9	5.2	3.9	4.8	4.9	7.1	4.9	5.4	4.5
Quits	1.4	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.7	1.6	1.3	2.4	1.9	3.5	1.1	1.2	1.6
Layoffs	0.5	0.7	2.2	*	0.3	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.5	2.7	3.0	2.3	1.4

METAL MINING

Total Accessions	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6	1.8	1.2	1.2	1.8	0.9	1.1	1.7	0.9	1.3
New Hires	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	*	*	0.0
Total Separations	3.3	2.0	7.1	2.6	2.6	8.0	5.9	2.4	5.5	5.8	7.8	5.9	4.9
Quits	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.2	1.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.4
Layoffs	1.0	0.3	4.4	0.1	0.6	2.9	3.1	0.7	1.8	4.2	6.8	4.3	2.5

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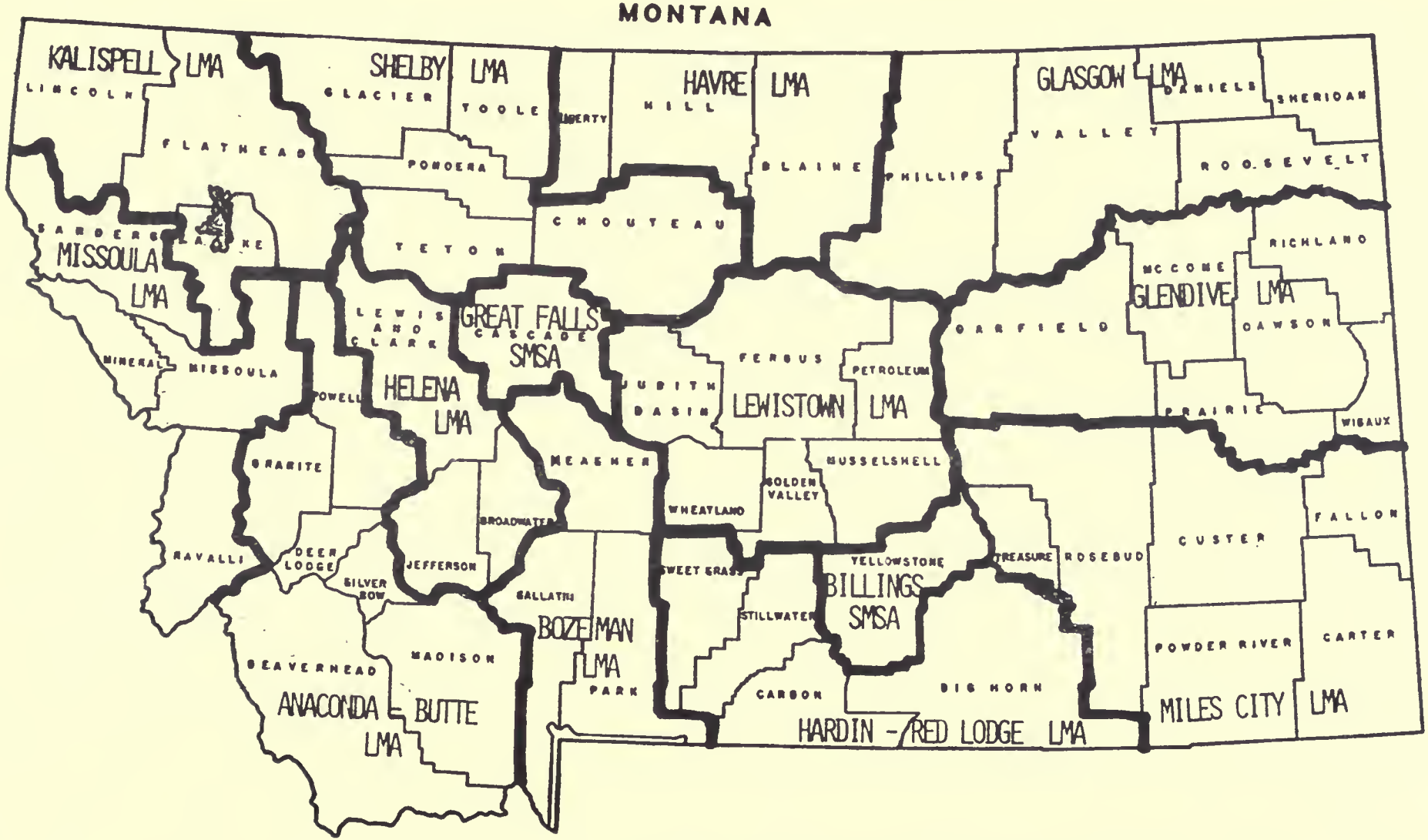

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